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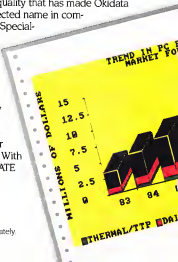
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With this issue, *COMPUTE!* has a new look. Several adjustments to the way we put together the magazine have been made in the past few months, and this issue implements a process which started—on the drawing boards—last year.

The personal computer marketplace is maturing and currently pausing for breath after several frenetic years in the early 1980s. Many manufacturers, and many computer magazines, have retired from the scene. There are approximately one-fifth as many hardware and software companies today as there were a year ago.

For magazine publishers, this greatly diminished universe of advertisers represents a challenge. Fewer ads necessarily mean fewer pages.

While there are dozens of popular magazines like *High Fidelity* and *Science Digest* which have stabilized over the years at fewer pages than *COMPUTE!* currently prints, there are some economies which we must now effect. In a nutshell, we want to continue to bring our readers an equivalent amount of information in a smaller package every month.

Fortunately, there are several ways to seek painless concision. The first thing we looked at was the size of our typeface, the "point size."

COMPUTE! has always printed larger characters than is traditional for magazines of its class and audience. It may not be too easy to detect, but with this issue we have slightly reduced the type by one point in most of the magazine (one point equals 1/72 inch). "Reviews," "Readers' Feedback," and the "News & Products" sections have been reduced by two points. These are gentle reductions and bring *COMPUTE!*'s type in line with most other popular magazines.

However, even though there will be no decrease in readability, this change results in an average of 10 to 15 percent more information per page.

To maintain the ease with which *COMPUTE!* can be read, we have made additional changes to our layout. For one thing, we have gone to a primarily three-column format, replacing our previous two-column design. Program listings, too, have changed from two- to three-column format. Aside from contributing more words per page while still maintaining easy readability, these adjustments give our design staff greater flexibility to create layouts with more variety and eye appeal.

Finally, we have requested that our columnists write within one- or two-page limits each month. With the more economical type size and page layout, they will be able to deliver excellent information each month in less space. Ultimately, that frees the editors to increase the variety and content of *COMPUTE!*.

In a not entirely unrelated development, Philip Nelson has accepted the position of assistant editor of *COMPUTE!*. Philip has been on our staff as assistant technical editor for six months and has proven to be an excellent, careful editor and a fine writer as well.

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Closing The Quality Gap

I thought letter quality was a term used to describe typewriters or daisywheel printers. Now I have seen many dot-matrix printers claiming to be letter quality. How is this possible?

Alex Cutrone

Perhaps you're reading too much into the term letter quality. It simply means "good enough to use in a business letter." Printing of this quality has traditionally been equated with daisywheel printers, which create crisp, solid images by striking an inked ribbon with little character-shaped hammers, just like a typewriter.

Dot-matrix printers use a different technique, forming each character out of many tiny dots. The printhead contains several small pins which can be individually fired, pressing the ribbon against the paper to make a dot. As the printhead moves across the paper, the pins are rapidly fired in various combinations to form different characters.

Early dot-matrix printers left noticeable gaps between the character dots, giving the print a grainy appearance. As dot-matrix technology has improved, these gaps have all but eliminated, producing print of much higher quality.

One way to improve print quality is to double-strike each character. Printing a character twice in the same spot puts more ink in each dot; since the dots are darker (and a little fatter), the print looks better. Enhanced printing also double-strikes each character, but offsets the printhead very slightly (less than a dot's width) before printing the character a second time. This fills in much of the space between dots.

Most dot-matrix printers have pins that are round in cross section. Since round

dots don't fit neatly together, dot-matrix characters tend to have wavy edges, even in enhanced printing modes. To give the characters crisper edges and further alleviate the gap problem, some manufacturers have switched to pins with a squarer cross section. However, you can obtain high quality print from a machine that uses round pins: The Apple ImageWriter is one example.

By looking closely, you can still distinguish the best dot-matrix print from so-called letter-quality print. A letter produced with a Macintosh and an Apple ImageWriter doesn't look exactly the same as one typed on an IBM Selectric. But that's not to say it doesn't look good enough for "serious" use. Some people would say that the Macintosh-generated letter looks more impressive than one done on a Selectric.

The fact is that many people are already using dot-matrix printers for business correspondence. Judged by that practical standard, the better dot-matrix printers are indeed letter-quality machines. If you're thinking of purchasing a printer, see "How to Buy the Right Printer" elsewhere in this issue.

Runaway IBM Keys

My new PCjr is great except for one irritating feature. When I rest my finger on a key, the computer prints a long line of identical letters. When I press the backspace key to erase the extra letters, it repeats, too. How can I stop this repeating feature, or at least slow it down?

Peter Gilewell

You can find the answer to this and many other questions about IBM Personal Computers in the new book from *COMPUTE!* Publications, Mapping the IBM PC and PCjr by Russ Davies. Most microcomputers supply a repeating function for only a few editing keys such as the cursor controls or space bar. The PCjr has what IBM calls a typamatic keyboard: Nearly every key repeats when you hold it down. (The exceptions are keys such as Enter, which you would never want to repeat.)

Depending on your tastes, the typamatic function is either a godsend or a curse. The following program slows down

or eliminates your PCjr's typamatic function:

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110 PRINT " 0 - Return to normal"
120 PRINT " 1 - Increase in
    initial delay"
130 PRINT " 2 - Half rate o
    f repeat"
140 PRINT " 3 - Both 1 and
    2 above"
150 PRINT " 4 - Typamatic f
    unction off"
160 INPUT X:IF X<0 OR X>4 GOT
    O 160
170 X=X*2:DEF SEG=0
180 Y=(PEEK(5H48B) AND (5HFF-
    5HE))
190 POKE 5H48B,(Y OR X)
200 PRINT "PCjr typamatic fun
    ction now adjusted"
```

The typamatic function uses two different time delays. There is a short initial delay between the time you first press a key and the time it begins to repeat. After repeating begins, there is another slight delay between each repetition. The program lets you adjust either or both of these delays. Note that the typamatic function affects the entire keyboard: If you turn it off, none of the keys—including the space bar and cursor controls—will repeat.

Commodore Disk Patterns

I have just finished reading your article about pattern matching on the Commodore disk drive. In the last paragraph of the section labeled "New Patterns," you talk about loading just the disk title, its ID, and the number of blocks free from the directory. Your suggestion is to use a filename not on the disk, such as 0:~\$&1%. I have found an easier way: Instead of the usual command LOAD "\$",8, use LOAD "\$\$",8. On a disk with a large number of programs, you cannot use this twice in a row or you'll get a FILE NOT FOUND ERROR. If you load the directory normally (LOAD "\$",8) after using LOAD "\$\$",8 you may use the latter command again.

George Sherman, Jr.

You've stumbled across a curious aspect of Commodore's disk directory system: a few words of explanation might be in order.



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First: "\$" is a legitimate filename. Try writing a short program and then saving it with SAVE "0\$". No problem; the file will save without any errors. You'll find it in the directory, but note that LOAD "\$",8 brings in the directory, not the program. But you can still get the program with LOAD "0\$".8.

Second: You may pattern-match without using the drive designation, although this will give you trouble. If you load a directory with LOAD "\$P",8, you will get all files starting with the letter P. It's much better to command LOAD "\$0:P",8, which specifies the drive number. The reason for this is odd, and relates to the fact that the 1541 DOS (Disk Operating System) software was developed from that found in Commodore's older 4040 dual-drive unit. Single-slot Commodore drives don't know that they are single; they suspect that there's a second drive around somewhere (drive 1, which doesn't exist). So if you use type LOAD "\$P",8, the disk drive will correctly get the directory from drive 0, and then try for a directory from nonexistent drive 1. It won't get it, of course, but it's left in "drive 1 mode," and the next job it gets without a drive specification will try drive 1 first.

Thus, if you enter LOAD "\$P",8 again, the unit will go to drive 1, find no directory, and report FILE NOT FOUND. This won't happen if you command LOAD "\$0:P",8 since drive 0 is forced.

Let's put these two together. When you type LOAD "\$S",8 you are really telling the computer to look for a file with a name of "\$". Normally, it won't exist, so you'll get only the disk header and block count; but if you saved a file with that name as suggested above, you'll see it in the directory.

Illogical Apple Logic?

In the August 1984 issue of *COMPUTE!*, the ANDing and ORing of numbers was explained in the Readers' Feedback section. I tried doing some of the examples on my Apple IIe but I never got the result I expected. For instance, I POKEd the number 15 into location 7, then typed POKE 7,PEEK(7) OR 240. When I checked location 7 by typing PRINT PEEK(7), the result was 1. This also happened when I tried to AND a number. Why is this happening?

Michael Kurtz

On most computers, the BASIC statement PRINT 240 OR 15 gives the result 255. However, Apple (and Atari) computers have a different way of doing the logical operations AND and OR.

Instead of doing a separate AND or OR for each bit of the two numbers, Apples do only one logical operation, treating each of the numbers as a single logical value. A number whose value is zero is considered

logically false. Any other value is treated as true.

The result of an OR operation is 0 only if both of the numbers are 0. An AND operation gives a result of 1, meaning true, if neither of the numbers is 0. Apple's representation for true is also unusual. Most computers use -1 to represent a true value, but Apple has chosen to use 1.

None of this is important in the situation where logical operators are used the most, conditional statements such as:

```
10 IF A<B AND A<C THEN PRINT "A IS BIGGEST"
```

Here, the Apple behaves the same as any other computer. The difference matters only if you want to operate on individual bits of a variable or memory location.

Atari Tape Tribulation

I recently got an Assembler Editor cartridge for my Atari 800. I tried out the example programs in the manual and followed Atari's instructions on entering source code and assembling to cassette using ASM,*C:. After replacing the Assembler Editor cartridge with BASIC, I was not able to retrieve the machine language program with CLOAD as specified. I tried several things such as ENTER* C:, but nothing worked. When I did PRINT PEEK(1536), I always got 0. Any suggestions? My temporary alternative is to convert the hexadecimal object code from the ML program into decimal DATA statements using a BASIC program.

Doug Wilson

The manual is incorrect. You cannot use CLOAD, ENTER, or any simple Atari BASIC command to read machine language from tape. Your alternative is actually the best way to include short machine language routines in a BASIC program. However, there is a way to read machine language object files produced by the Assembler Editor. Unfortunately, when assembling to cassette the tape keeps going during the first pass of the assembly, creating an excessively long leader tone. This makes the tape quite difficult to read.

Instead of assembling directly to tape, assemble to memory and use the command SAVE *C:;start,end (where start and end correspond to the hexadecimal starting and ending addresses of your program). This will save the object code from memory to cassette. In BASIC, you can use this program to read and POKE the tape program into memory:

```
100 OPEN #1,4,8,"C:"
110 GET #1, A:GET #1, A
120 TRAP 140:GET #1, A:GET
#1, B: BEG=A+256#B:GET
#1, A:GET #1, B:FIN=A+
256#B
130 FOR I=BEG TO FIN:GET
#1, A:POKE I, A:NEXT I:
GOTO 120
140 CLOSE #1:TRAP 40000
```

This program will also load a disk object file if you change the device specification in line 100 and add the appropriate filename. Beware of loading ML programs that would overwrite the BASIC program.

1540 Disk Drives With A 64

I had a VIC-20 with a 1540 disk drive. Recently I decided to buy the Commodore 64. This leaves me with a big problem, which I hope you can help me with. Will the 1540 work with the 64? So far I haven't been able to get it to work.

Dave Lester

The best long-term solution is to see if your dealer can get you an upgrade ROM chip that will convert your 1540 to a 1541.

In the meantime, you should be able to save to disk without trouble. To load, you can use a trick to establish communications:

Instead of typing LOAD "filename",8 to bring a program into the 64, type POKE 53265,43: LOAD "filename",8. The screen will go blank, but the file should load correctly. When everything stops, type POKE 53265,27 (you'll have to do this without being able to see what you're typing) and the screen will return to normal.

The problem arises because the 64 is not able to transfer data to and from the drive as fast as the VIC-20 can. The 64 is slower because more time is required to maintain its 1000-character video display, as opposed to the VIC's 506-character display. When its screen is blank, the 64 operates at the same speed as the VIC-20, and loading can proceed without timing difficulties.

Garbage Collection And Backups

I have seen several references to "garbage collection" in connection with the operation of the Commodore 64, but I have not seen the same term used in connection with operation of the Apple, Atari, or IBM computers. Is the garbage collection routine peculiar to the Commodore, or does it exist on these machines as well?

I have also seen several programs advertised for the 64 which claim to allow you to copy an entire disk. This command exists in DOS on the IBM and Atari machines. Do these programs have some other purpose? Similarly, some of the software for the 64 says it will allow you to copy files from one disk to another. Does this command also not reside in DOS on the 64?

Pat O'Neil

The mysterious-looking term garbage collection has to do with strings. Strings are tricky for a computer to handle. The computer must set aside enough room in memory for all the strings declared in a program. The length of a string can change

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by Alan Greenspan



Alan Greenspan, *Famous Business Advisor*

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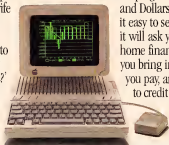
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as a program runs, causing memory allocation problems. Some BASICs, such as Atari BASIC, tackle this problem by making your DIMension every string before using it for the first time. This sets the maximum length of the string. Atari strings always end up at a single spot in memory after the program starts, and do not move.

Microsoft BASIC uses a different trick. When a string is created, the actual string is stored at the top of BASIC memory. The string's name, length, and a pointer to the address of the string are stored after your program in memory. If you change the string, the new string is copied to the current top of memory (below any other strings) and the pointer is changed. Sooner or later, the strings fill all memory from the top until they collide with variables, arrays, or the end of your program.

This is where garbage collection steps in. A garbage collection routine in BASIC looks at each string, finds the string data, and repacks each string back to the top of memory, discarding unused strings along the way. This can take a while. It's difficult to predict just when garbage collection will occur, and when it does, the machine appears to lock up (in some cases, for more than 20 minutes).

Garbage collection is also a problem on the Apple and IBM machines (and on most Microsoft BASICs), but you can restrict the size of string space on the IBM. This forces garbage collection to occur

more frequently, and since the size of the string buffer is small, garbage collection never takes very long. If an IBM program uses a lot of strings, it is sometimes necessary to expand the size of the string area, with the resulting garbage collection problem.

Your question about Disk Operating Systems (DOS) points out some differences between the way a Commodore computer implements DOS and the method used by almost every other computer. Most computers use a RAM-resident DOS to control the disk drive, but Commodore's DOS is in ROM within the drive itself. While this saves user memory, it creates some problems. The 64 and the 1541 drive are like separate computers, and must communicate over a slow serial bus. Commands are sent to the drive to scratch, rename, format, etc. There is a built-in copy command, but it can only copy a file to the same disk. The drive has no way to directly communicate with another disk drive, so the computer must act as a go-between.

The programs you mention let you copy files or disks by reading the disk into computer memory, then copying from memory to another disk. Since Commodore DOS is in the disk drive, there are no built-in programs in the 64 to perform transfers between disks—hence the need for the programs you mention. Many disk duplicators also try to defeat copy-protection schemes, since it's otherwise impossible to back up commercial software.

long, for manipulating disk data. Since none of DOS is stored in ROM, it's also necessary to load the IBMDS.COM program from disk and install it in memory when the system boots up. After initializing the system for BIOS, IBMDS.COM moves IBMDS.COM into the correct memory area and transfers control to DOS, which in turn does its own initialization before turning the system over to the user.

Files ending in .COM are system files (distinguished from user files which you can alter at will). Since IBMDS.COM and IBMDS.COM are critical to normal operation, they're made invisible to user commands such as DIR (disk Directory). Out of sight, out of mind—if you don't know a file exists, you'll be less likely to erase it. Both files are further protected by making them read-only: If you can't write to a file, you're less likely to corrupt it by accident.

It is possible to access system files. After each filename in the disk directory is a file attribute byte which defines the file type. Using the DEBUG program described in your DOS manual, you can read the disk directory, change a file's attribute byte to remove its protective attributes, and write the modified sector back to the disk. However, few users would have any reason to rewrite a system file, and the risk of inadvertent error is enormous. At best, the error might crash the system; at worst, you might lose an entire disk of data. If you want to try modifying a system file, practice on a disk that doesn't contain any important data. You can find a detailed discussion of system files and the boot process in Chapter 1 of COMPUTE's Mapping the IBM PC and PCjr by Russ Davies.

Commodore Monitors

What is the difference between a Commodore 1701 and 1702 monitor?

Andy Nagai

There is no appreciable difference between these monitors. The 1701 model changed to 1702 when Commodore began using a different picture tube supplier in late 1983. Cosmetically, it's nearly impossible to tell the two apart. They're virtually identical in appearance, and the electrical connections appear to be the same in both models. We have a number of both models here at COMPUTE, and we've noticed that the resolution appears slightly sharper on the 1702s, but this is only because they're newer than the 1701s. (The color on a monitor gradually fades after prolonged use.)

Commodore also makes the 141 Color Monitor, essentially a 1702 with a charcoal gray color designed to match the Plus/4 and Commodore 16. It's compatible with the VIC-20 and 64. Commodore's newest monitor entries are the 1901 Monochrome Monitor and the 1902 RGB/Composite Monitor. Each was announced at the Winter CES in support of the Commodore 128.

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IBM Hidden Files

I have an IBM PC/XT with one floppy disk and a 10-megabyte hard disk. When I ran CHKDSK on both drives, the computer said I had two hidden files taking up about 22K. What are hidden files, and are they necessary?

Dennis Heckman

When you power up an IBM personal computer, it performs a complex series of housekeeping operations before turning the system over to you. This process usually involves loading two hidden, read-only system files named IBMDS.COM and IBMDS.COM from disk. These are machine language programs which the system needs to operate correctly.

IBMDOS.COM is an extension of the PC's operating system—called BIOS for Basic Input/Output System—most of which is permanently stored in ROM (Read-Only Memory). The IBMDOS.COM program loads and executes when the system boots up, to initialize input/output devices and perform other system tasks. This is done to correct errors (and there are some) permanently "wired into" the ROM BIOS, and to allow for new devices such as the PCjr's cartridges. IBMDOS.COM is about 3.5K in length.

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The Commodore 128: A Hands-On Report

Tom R. Halfhill, Editor

Commodore's new three-in-one machine, the Commodore 128 Personal Computer, should be hitting store shelves in June. In mid-March, *COMPUTE!* visited Commodore's U.S. headquarters in West Chester, Pennsylvania to more closely examine the 128, which was announced at the Winter Consumer Electronics Show in January (see "The Next Generation: New Computers at the Winter CES," April 1985). Although a few specifications were not finalized, we found the 128 to be a versatile machine with one of the most powerful BASIC programming languages ever offered in a microcomputer. Here's our report.



One of the most imitated trends in personal computing lately has been "integrated software"—products that are actually three or more programs in one, like *Lotus 1-2-3*.

Now Commodore is introducing a fresh twist—integrated hardware. With the Commodore 128 Personal Computer, essentially Commodore is wrapping up three computers in one box to sell for under \$300 retail. The deceptively small package contains:

1. A standard Commodore 64 with 64K of Random Access Memory (RAM) capable of running virtually all existing 64 software—estimated at 6,000 to 10,000 programs, mostly home and educational.

2. An enhanced Commodore 64 with 128K of RAM and an extremely powerful new BASIC that almost makes PEEK and POKE obsolete.

3. A Z80-based 128K computer designed to run existing software written for the CP/M (Control Program for Microcomputers) operating system—at least 10,000 programs, mostly business/professional.

Expandable to 512K with a RAM disk option, the Commodore 128 also works with all Commodore 64 peripherals as well as a new line of accessories, such as the much faster 1571 disk drive. Rounding out the package are such features as 80-column video in the 128K and CP/M modes, RGB (red-green-blue) high-resolution video output, and all the same ports and interfaces found on the Commodore 64.



Before the Commodore 128 was announced at the Winter CES, rumors indicated it would simply be an expanded Commodore 64. Even after it was unveiled, some people described it as a CP/M computer with a Commodore 64 emulation mode.

But the Commodore 128 truly is the near-equivalent of three computers in a single box. Outside, all three computers share the same sleek plastic case and 92-key keyboard. Inside, they share the same RAM chips and power supply, but that's about all. The 128 actually contains three separate central processing units (CPUs), two separate BASICs, two independent video display chips, separate banks of Read Only Memory (ROM), and even different memory maps, depending on which mode is selected. What's more, the machine can be operated in five distinct modes: Commodore 64 mode, 128 mode with 40-column video and graphics, 128 mode with text-only 80-column video, CP/M mode with 80-column video, and CP/M mode with 40-column video.

CPU chips include the 6510 for 64 mode and the 8502 for 128 mode—both 6502-compatible—and the Z80A for CP/M mode. Video chips include the VIC-II for 64 mode and 40-column 128 mode, plus an 80-column chip for 80-column 128 mode and CP/M mode. A synthesizer chip—the Sound Interface Device (SID)—is shared by all three microprocessors. Programming languages include BASIC 2.0 in 64 mode and BASIC 7.0 in 128 mode, and a machine language monitor is available in 128 mode and CP/M mode.

Does all this sound confusing? Don't feel bad—it is. Even when using the Commodore 128, you can sometimes forget which mode the computer is in. This is especially true of the 64 mode and 40-column 128 mode, which appear virtually identical on screen.

Furthermore, some modes let you switch to other modes, but not back again without restarting the machine. And speaking of cold-starts, the Commodore 128 can be switched on in any of its five modes, depending on its state at power-up. When you hit the power switch, the computer first checks to see if a CP/M system disk is inserted in the

drive. If so, it defaults to 40- or 80-column CP/M mode (usually 80 columns). Otherwise, it checks the cartridge slot for a Commodore 64 cartridge program. If it finds one, it automatically switches to 64 mode and runs the cartridge. If there's no 64 cartridge, the computer checks for a 128 cartridge. If it finds one, it comes up in 128 mode (either 40 or 80 columns) and runs the 128 cartridge. If no 128 cartridge is plugged in, the computer checks to see if its 40/80 DISPLAY key is pressed. If so, it starts up in 80-column 128 mode. Otherwise, it switches to 40-column 128 mode.

With so many options, operating the Commodore 128 will take some getting used to.

One of the biggest questions about the Commodore 128 is its degree of Commodore 64 compatibility. Stung by criticism and slow sales because of the Plus/4's lack of 64 compatibility, Commodore went to great lengths to make sure the 128 would run all existing 64 software. In fact, Commodore claims the 128 is 100 percent 64 compatible.

Our tests showed the 128 had no trouble with a wide range of Commodore 64 programs written in BASIC and machine language. We ran a number of programs published in recent issues of *COMPUTE!* and *COMPUTE!'S GAZETTE*, including *SpeedScript 3.0*. Only one program failed: "TurboDisk" (*COMPUTE!*, April 1985). TurboDisk, a machine language utility which speeds up disk loading by as much as 300 percent, ran fine on a 128 hooked up to a 1541 disk drive, but would not work on a 128 connected to the new 1571 disk drive. We weren't particularly surprised, because TurboDisk works by reprogramming the load routines both inside the computer and in the drive. Any drive that isn't completely 1541-compatible cannot handle TurboDisk.

Since the 1571 is designed to be much faster than the 1541, it may seem that utilities such as TurboDisk are superfluous anyway. However, keep in mind that the 1571, like the Commodore 128, is a multi-mode device. When the 128 is operating in 64 mode, the 1571 drive behaves just like a 1541—it stores

170K of data per disk and runs fairly slow. When the computer is switched to 128 mode, the 1571 speeds up about 500 percent and becomes a double-sided drive, storing about 360K per disk. And when the computer is in CP/M mode, the 1571 runs about 12 times faster than a 1541 and stores 410K on a floppy.

In CP/M mode, the 1571 also is supposed to read disks in IBM System 34 format, such as those made for Osborne and Kaypro CP/M computers. However, the 1571 drive we tested would not load our Osborne disk. A Commodore representative told us the 1571 we were using was still a prototype, and that final production models definitely would read CP/M disks. He also said that production 1571s would be fully 1541 compatible, so that programs like TurboDisk should work too.

If the final 1571s are not completely 1541 compatible, Commodore will run into trouble on another front—commercial copy protection. Some copy-protection schemes depend on precise timing and certain routines within the 1541 disk drive ROMs. If much is changed, the disks won't load. Before acquiring a Commodore 128 and 1571 drive to run 64 software, it would be a good idea to try loading some commercial disks first to make sure they work.

The best news about the Commodore 128 is BASIC 7.0, the powerful BASIC interpreter available in 128K mode. It is, perhaps, the most powerful BASIC ever offered in a personal computer—more complete than even IBM BASIC and MSX BASIC. It contains all the commands in Commodore 64 BASIC 2.0, all the disk and file commands of BASIC 4.0 (as found on the Commodore 8032 and SuperPET), and nearly all the graphics and sound commands of the *Super Expander* 64 cartridge, *Simon's BASIC*, and the Plus/4's BASIC 3.5.

BASIC 7.0 makes it possible to draw graphics, define and move sprites, create sound effects, and play music without PEEKs, POKEs, or machine language. Sprite movement is implemented during a machine-level interrupt, so a few BASIC statements can keep up to eight sprites moving simultaneously



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while the program performs other tasks—or even stops. To make it easier to define sprites, you can grab any predrawn shape off the screen and store it as sprite data, or design the sprite bit by bit with a built-in sprite editor. Playing music with the SID chip has always been tedious because of the large number of POKES required, so BASIC 7.0 has ten predefined musical instrument sounds available with a single command.

Because BASIC 7.0 is so extensive, we can't explain every command in detail, but we can cover some highlights. Remember that some specifications or syntax rules may have changed by the time the Commodore 128 entered final production.

The disk and file commands include DLOAD and DSAVE (for loading and saving to disk without adding .8 to the filename); DVERIFY (compare a disk file with a file in memory); CATALOG and DIRECTORY (for displaying disk directories without erasing a BASIC program in memory); COPY (duplicate a file using dual drives); BACKUP (copy an entire disk with dual drives); APPEND (open a sequential file for updating); COLLECT (reorganize the Block Allocation Map); CONCAT (combine two disk files); HEADER (format a disk); RENAME (assign a new filename to an existing file); SCRATCH (delete a file); DO-OPEN and DCLOSE (open or close a disk file); DCLEAR (close all disk channels); RECORD (for positioning the relative file pointer); DS and DSS (read the error channel); BLOAD (load a binary machine language file); BSAVE (save a block of memory as a binary file); and BOOT (load and run a machine language file).

Note that none of these commands adds new capabilities not available with a Commodore 64 and 1541 drive; they merely simplify the syntax. For example, COLLECT is equivalent to OPEN 15,8,15,"V0":CLOSE 15. The commands can also be abbreviated, as in D-SHIFT-L for DLOAD or even SHIFT-RUN/STOP to automatically load and run. In addition, the special function keys are preprogrammed to execute certain frequently used commands, such as DIRECTORY.

Sprite commands not only replace the old-fashioned POKES, but also offer more options. And the demo programs we saw proved that BASIC 7.0 can move sprites fast enough for good-quality games without machine language.

SPRDEF

Entered in direct mode, this command activates the built-in sprite editor. An editing window appears on screen, and you're prompted to select sprite 1 through 8. A number of subcommands let you clear all the sprite data, move a crosshair, turn pixels on and off, and change colors for multicolor sprites. When you're done designing the sprite, you reenter BASIC by pressing SHIFT-RETURN, then RETURN again. BASIC 7.0 does not require you to



set aside memory for sprite data; instead, it reserves a 512-byte block (for eight 64-byte sprites) beginning at location 3584 (\$E00 hex).

SPRITE #,on/off,foreground,priority,X,Y,mode

Sets up various sprite attributes, including sprite color, foreground/background priorities, initial X and Y position, and single color/multicolor.

SPRCOLOR

Defines the multicolor registers shared by all sprites.

SPRSAY sprite #,string SPRSAY string,sprite

Moves sprite definition data into a string or vice versa. For example, you can define a sprite by first drawing a shape on the screen with various graphics commands, then copy the shape into a string with the

SSHAPE command, and finally move the string into the sprite data block with SPRSAV. You could also copy the sprite pattern directly to the screen with SPRSAV and GSHAPE.

MOVSPR sprite #,X,Y

Moves a sprite to the horizontal and vertical screen coordinates specified by X,Y. This is called *absolute movement* and is like the POKES used to move sprites to screen positions on the Commodore 64.

MOVSPR sprite #,+/-X,+/-Y

Moves a sprite plus or minus the number of screen coordinates specified by X,Y. This is called *relative movement* and is useful when you don't know the sprite's current position. For example, you could move sprite 5 seven positions to the left and ten positions down with MOVSPR 5,-7,+10.

MOVSPR sprite #,angle #speed

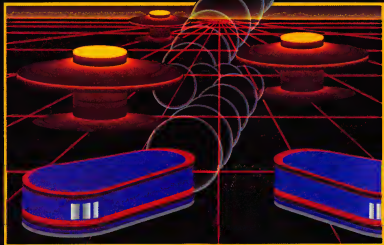
Moves a sprite continuously in a certain direction at a specified speed via a machine level interrupt, even when the BASIC program is executing other lines or is stopped. When the sprite disappears off the screen, it wraps around and reappears at the opposite end of the screen. This command is useful when you want to send a sprite flying on a predetermined course and speed while your program does other things. For instance, with this command you could quite easily animate the rocks in an *Asteroids*-type game while your program takes care of checking the joystick and moving the player's ship. The *angle* parameter specifies the direction in degrees (0 = up), and *#speed* the velocity. To move sprite 1 continuously along a horizontal path from left to right, you would type MOVSPR 1,90 #5. To move it vertically from top to bottom a little faster, you would type MOVSPR 1,180 #5. Of course, the sprite must be positioned somewhere on the visible screen to begin with.

COLLISION type,line

Detects sprite collisions and diverts the program to a subroutine starting at the line specified by *line #*. The *type* parameter lets you detect different kinds of collisions. Examples: COLLISION 0,1000 passes control to a subroutine at line 1000 when two sprites collide. (The subroutine must end with a RETURN.)

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COLLISION 1,2000 passes control to a subroutine at line 2000 when a sprite collides with a screen object. **COLLISION** 2,10000 diverts the program to a subroutine at line 10000 when a sprite is touched with a light pen.

BUMP(type)

Detects sprite collisions and returns a value corresponding to the sprites involved. This makes it possible to determine which sprites collided or if a collision happened off the visible screen (invisible to **COLLISION**). **BUMP(0)** records sprite-to-sprite collisions, and **BUMP(1)** records sprite-to-screen collisions.

Graphics commands make up for the deficiencies in BASIC 2.0 and complement the sprite commands. They're also fairly fast for a BASIC interpreter. Here's just a sampling:

GRAPHIC mode#,clear>window

Flips the screen to the graphics mode specified by *mode#*. Mode 0 is 40-column text (default); 1 is hi-res graphics; 2 is hi-res graphics with a text window; 3 is multicolor graphics; 4 is multicolor graphics with a text window; and 5 is 80-column text (RGB only). The text windows are similar to those on Atari and Apple computers—they allow a few lines of text beneath the graphics window on the upper part of the screen. The text windows start at line 19, but that can be changed with the *window* parameter in the **GRAPHIC** statement. The *clear* parameter lets you specify whether the screen will be cleared upon entering the new mode (0 = no clear, 1 = clear).

COLOR source#,color#

Sets up the color registers. The *color#* parameter defines the color from 1 to 16. The *source#* parameter specifies the color register affected—0 for the 40-column background, 1 for the graphics mode foreground, 2 for the multicolor graphics mode primary color, 3 for the multicolor graphics mode secondary color, 4 for the 40-column border, 5 for the character color, and 6 for the 80-column background color.

BOX source#,X1,Y1,X2,Y2,angle, paint

Draws a box on the hi-res screen.

Source# defines the color register (0 to 3). *X1*, *Y1*, *X2*, *Y2* are the X and Y coordinates of the opposite corners, *angle* is the rotation in degrees (default = 0), and *paint* specifies whether the box will be filled (0 = hollow, 1 = solid). Example: **BOX 1,10,10,60,60,0,1** draws a filled green box in the upper-left corner of the screen.

CIRCLE source#,X center,Ycenter,X radius,Y radius,arc angle1,arc angle2,angle,increment

Draws circles, ellipses, arcs, triangles, octagons, and other polygons on the hi-res screens. *Source#* is the color register (0 to 3). *X center* and *Y center* are the X and Y coordinates of the centerpoint. *X radius* and *Y radius* are the X and Y coordinates of the radius, *arc angle1* is the starting arc angle in degrees (default = 0), *arc angle2* is the ending arc angle in degrees (default = 360), *angle* is the rotation in degrees (default = 0), and *increment* specifies the number of degrees between segments (default = 2). Examples: **CIRCLE 1,160,100,65,50** draws a green circle; **CIRCLE 1,160,100,65,10** draws a green ellipse; **CIRCLE ,60,40,20,18,,,,,45** draws an octagon, and **CIRCLE ,260,40,20,,,,,90** draws a diamond.

DRAW source#,X1,Y1 TO X2,Y2etc.

Draws a dot, line, or figure on the hi-res screens. *Source#* is the color register (0 to 3). *X1* and *Y1* are the starting screen coordinates, *X2* and *Y2* are the following screen coordinates, and more coordinates can follow, up to BASIC's line length limit. Examples: **DRAW 1,100,50** plots a dot at coordinates 100,50 because no endpoint is specified; **DRAW 1,100,50 TO 100,75** draws a vertical line from 100,50 to 100,75; and **DRAW 1,10,10 TO 10,60 TO 100,60 TO 10,10** makes a triangle.

LOCATE X,Y

Positions the invisible graphics cursor at hi-res screen coordinates *X,Y*. This defines the default starting point for all the drawing commands.

PAINT source#,Xstart,Ystart, mode

Fills an area on the hi-res screen. *Source#* is the color register, *Xstart* and *Ystart* define the starting coordinates, and *mode* specifies which area to fill (0 = fill the area defined by *source#*, 1 = fill the area defined by

any nonbackground color). Example: **CIRCLE ,160,100,65,50: PAINT ,160,100** draws and fills a circle using the default foreground color.

SSHAPE string,corner1,corner2

Stores shapes drawn on the hi-res screens into string variables. The rectangular area of screen data between coordinates *corner1* and *corner2* is saved in the string variable *string*. The area which can be stored is limited by the 255-character capacity of a BASIC string. **SSHAPE** is very similar to **GET** in IBM BASIC.

GSHAPE string,corner1,corner2, mode

Plots the data stored in a string variable as a shape on the hi-res screens. It is the opposite of **SSHAPE**. *Corner1* and *corner2* define the rectangular screen coordinates, and *mode* specifies how the shape will be plotted. If *mode* = 0, the shape is placed as it exists; 1 inverts the shape; 2 performs a bitwise OR when the shape is overlapped onto the screen; 3 ANDs the shape with the screen; 4 XORs (exclusive-ORs) the shape with the screen. **GSHAPE** corresponds to **PUT** in IBM BASIC.

Sound commands in BASIC 7.0 take much of the tedium out of creating sound effects and music with the versatile but complex SID chip. Together, BASIC 7.0 and the SID chip give the Commodore 128 the best sound capability of any personal computer now on the market. Here are a few examples:

SOUND voice,freq,dur,sweep,min, step,wave,width

Plays a sound with the selected voice, frequency, and duration. *Voice* can be 1 to 3, *freq* 0 to 65535, and *dur* 0 to 32767 jiffies (a jiffy equals 1/60 second). The following parameters are optional. *Sweep* defines the direction for a sweep (shifting frequencies), with 0 = up, 2 = down, and 3 = oscillation. *Min* sets the minimum frequency for a sweep; *step* picks the step value for a sweep; *wave* chooses a SID waveform (0 = triangle, 1 = saw, 2 = square, 3 = noise); and *width* specifies the width for a pulse waveform.

PLAY "O oct,T tune,U vol,V voice,X filter,notes"

Plays one or more notes using a selected octave, envelope, volume,

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voice, and filter. *Oct* specifies the octave 1 to 6; *tone* an envelope 0 to 9 (see below); *vol* the volume 0 to 9; *voice* 0 to 2; *filter* (0 = off, 1 = on); and *note* can be A, B, C, D, E, F, or G with sharps, flats, dots, and standard durations (quarter notes, half

notes, etc.). An M in this parameter tells the computer to wait for all voices currently playing to end. Any number of notes can be strung together in this field, up to BASIC's line length limit. The predefined envelopes selectable with the *tune*

parameter are 0 = piano, 1 = accor-dian, 2 = calliope, 3 = drum, 4 = flute, 5 = guitar, 6 = harpsicord, 7 = organ, 8 = trumpet, and 9 = xylophone. *ENVELOPE #,attack,decay,sus,rel,wave,width*

Commodore 128 Memory Management And Machine Language

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Using an external memory cartridge, the Commodore 128 can be expanded up to 512K RAM. This memory is not directly available for programs, though, but is used as a RAM disk—the functions of a disk drive are simulated with the memory chips. This provides faster throughput than a hard disk, but all information is lost when the power is turned off. You need to dump the contents of a RAM disk to a regular disk at the end of each session.

A special memory management unit (MMU), located at \$FF00, controls the 128's complicated memory map. The MMU interprets memory addresses even before the microprocessor sees them. It permits you to swap between banks of 64K, but can leave a small portion of memory as common memory. You don't always want zero page and the stack to disappear when you change banks. The MMU lets you bank between four 64K banks, and allows multiple banks of 256K, up to one megabyte of memory.

The MMU controls whether the VIC chip or 80-column chip controls the screen display, and even senses the position of the 40/80 DISPLAY switch (though the software must interpret this switch). The MMU controls access to RAM or ROM, allowing either to be visible in the memory map. A programmer can set up a series of preset memory configurations and quickly select them by writing to the MMU. The address of the VIC chip can be relocated anywhere within the virtual 256K memory space.

The MMU also controls the fast serial port used with the 1571 disk drive (and conceivably with other fast peripherals). It determines the clock speed of the 8502, and controls which of the three microprocessors (6510, 8502, Z80A) is in control.

Although not supported in ROM, it's possible to have all three microprocessors running by quickly switching between them. Maybe someone will find a way to take advantage of this potential multiprocessing capability.

Machine language programmers will appreciate the Commodore 128's machine language monitor, entered from BASIC with the MONITOR command. It pretends that the 128K of memory is contiguous and permits five-digit hexadecimal addresses. It makes full use of 80 columns if selected. The monitor works much like 64 *Supermon*, with commands to assemble, disassemble, fill, go to address, hunt through memory for a hexadecimal string, load, display memory with ASCII equivalents, display registers, save, transfer a block of memory, verify a saved program, exit to BASIC, modify memory, modify registers, and display disk error status.

BASIC commands for machine language include *LOAD* and *BSAVE* to load and save machine language programs or other binary files, and *BOOT* to load and run a machine language program. The familiar *USR*, *WAIT*, *POKE*, *PEEK*, and *SYS* commands can now reference the second 64K of memory with the *BANK* command. *SYS* can be followed by four parameters that are transferred into the accumulator, X register, Y register, and status flag register. After a *SYS*, the *RREG* command can transfer the contents of these registers into four variables. This makes it much easier to pass information between BASIC and ML.

The 8502 microprocessor in 128 mode is opcode-compatible with the 6502 and 6510, but can now run at two megahertz, twice the speed of the VIC-20's 6502 and Commodore 64's 6510. All VIC/64 Kernel routines are supported, making program translation much easier. New Kernel routines support special features of the 128, including routines for memory management.

A RESET button near the power switch can coldstart the machine. Holding down *RUN/STOP* with RESET initiates a "lukewarm" start. It's a more thorough reset than *RUN/STOP-RESTORE*, but still retains your BASIC program. This reset puts you into the machine language monitor, where you can exit back to BASIC with no harm done.

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Redefines any of the ten predefined music envelopes for the *tune* parameter of the *PLAY* command. The *#* specifies the envelope (0 to 9), followed by the values for attack, decay, sustain, and release. *Wave* sets the SID waveform and *width* selects the width of a pulse waveform.

FILTER *freq,lopass,bandpass,hipass,res*

Switches the SID filters for use with the *filter* parameter of the *PLAY* command. *Freq* selects the frequency; *lopass* the low-pass filter (0 = off, 1 = on); *bandpass* the notch-reject filter (0 = off, 1 = on); *hipass* the high-pass filter (0 = off, 1 = on); and *res* the resonance (0 to 15).

Despite the almost bewildering array of commands listed above, we've barely scratched the surface of BASIC 7.0. Indeed, a preliminary manuscript for the *Commodore 128 System Guide* is a stack of single-spaced, typewritten pages two and a half inches thick.

There are commands for windowing, switching 64K memory banks, renumbering BASIC programs, deleting ranges of BASIC lines, assigning new definitions to the predefined special function keys, entering the machine language monitor, trapping runtime errors and diverting execution to an error-handling routine at a certain line number, resuming execution after a runtime error, highlighting errors in BASIC lines, constructing loops without FOR-NEXT, and inserting delay loops. Plus additional commands for sprites, sound, music, and graphics that we didn't have room to mention.

Commodore BASIC 7.0 is a predictable step in the evolution of high-level programming languages for personal computers. It continues the trend away from low-level instructions such as PEEK and POKE—vestiges of machine language—and further shields users from intimate contact with the bits and bytes of computer circuitry. Yet, unlike some other personal computers introduced in recent years, the Commodore 128 retains its BASIC as a built-in feature and also provides a machine language monitor for those who want to explore the computer at every level. It's a welcome combination. ©

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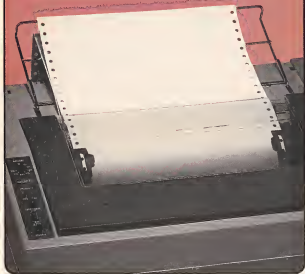
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How To Buy The Right Printer

Kathy Yakal, Feature Writer



Choosing a printer may be the most difficult decision you'll make when assembling your computer system. Even if you're planning to use it only for personal letters and program listings, there are more alternatives to consider than with any other peripheral.

Once you buy a computer, selecting a tape or disk drive and a monitor isn't too tough. There aren't that many choices. Modems are a bit more difficult because of the number available, but their features and

performance don't vary all that much.

Printers, however, are another story. There are dozens of printers which are inexpensive and produce good quality print. And they're complicated pieces of machinery. "As opposed to a computer, which has relatively few mechanical or moving parts, printers are the biggest mechanical piece of your computer system," points out Dave Crowley, corporate communications specialist for Centronics.

"Consumers have to be aware that if there is going to be a problem, it probably will happen in the printer rather than anywhere else in the computer system."

Further, everyone's needs are different. Some people just want to print out program listings. Others want to print school papers or personal letters or business correspondence, or pictures created with light pens or graphics tablets. The goal is to find a printer that has everything you need without spending lots of extra money for features you'll never use.

The first step in buying a printer, then, is to determine exactly what you need. "We always recommend that someone sit down and draw up a list of items that the printer will be used for, and take that with them to the dealer," says Crowley.

Here's a list of questions, compiled with the help of Crowley and Star Micronics Marketing Director Tom Bongiorno, that you might want to ask yourself before visiting computer dealers:

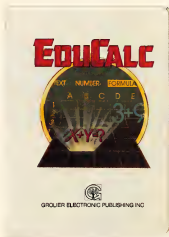
- Will this printer work with my computer? And if it doesn't, is the dealer knowledgeable enough to help you figure out how to make it work? Compatibility should be assured.

Printers for personal computers are designed to work with two general types of interfaces: *parallel* and *serial*. For the purposes of hooking up a printer, either works just as well. The most common parallel interface is often referred to as a Centronics-standard interface, and the most common serial interface is called the RS-232. If your computer doesn't have one of these interfaces built in, you may need to buy an interface adapter in addition to a printer. In any case, make sure the printer you buy is compatible with the interface available on your computer.

Many printer manufacturers offer cables that connect directly to, say, a Commodore 64 or an Atari. Buying such a printer frees you from compatibility worries for now, but may also restrict its future use if you someday buy a different system. Some printers allow interfacing through either a standard or a machine-specific port; these provide greater flexibility for use with other computers.

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the printer only to print out correspondence and home records, make sure the printer will accept your word processor's formatting commands.

• *How good does your printed copy need to look?* Different kinds of printers offer varying type qualities.

Impact printers (daisy wheel and dot-matrix) strike the paper through an inked ribbon to form characters and graphics. Daisy wheel printers are capable of producing *letter-quality* type because the characters are stamped onto the paper by a print wheel that works much like the strikers on a typewriter. Dot-matrix printers, on the other hand, have printheads with dozens of tiny metal pins that reproduce characters and graphics by printing tightly packed patterns of dots. Some dot-matrix printers, depending on the numbers and placement of pins, can produce near letter-quality print.

Thermal printers don't use an ink ribbon—they burn characters and graphics onto special paper coated with a heat-sensitive film. They're relatively inexpensive and quiet compared to other printers, but the special paper costs more. *Thermal transfer printers*, however, can print on any kind of paper.

Ink-jet printers, the third kind found in the under-\$1,000 price range, spray ink through tiny holes to reproduce characters.

"You should always look at the output of the printer—get a demo—because draft mode or near-letter quality from three different printers will always differ," says Bongiorno. "If you like the typeface on one printer better than another, then to you the quality will be better, and that's the one you should buy."

• *Are there hidden costs?* Printers that require special paper or additional interface cables can make that under-\$300 printer move closer to the \$400-plus range. If the printer uses a ribbon, what is its average life? Can it be re-inked?

• *What type of paper handling does the printer use?* Printers can move paper around the platen in two different ways. *Friction-feed printers* work like typewriters; they grip one sheet at a time and roll it through. *Tractor-feed printers* use a pair of cogged wheels to grip holes punched into the edges of special

printer paper. The paper comes as a long, continuous form with perforated pages, and the holes along the edges are also perforated for removal. The tractor wheels can be adjusted to accommodate different paper sizes and special forms, such as mailing labels. (A printer with non-adjustable tractors is called a *pin-feed printer*.)

Some printers offer both friction- and tractor-feed by including snap-on tractors. This gives you the option of printing correspondence on letterhead stationery, or printing continuous forms.

• *How easy is it to obtain parts?* Daisy wheels, for example, sometimes break after heavy use. Can you run down to a local office supply store to replace the wheel, or will you have to order it by mail and wait six weeks for delivery? If the printhead on a dot-matrix printer burns out, can it be replaced without exchanging the entire printing mechanism? How economical are replacement ribbons? If you buy a thermal printer, is the special paper readily available?

• *How good is the warranty?* Opinions vary on what constitutes a fair warranty period, but, in all cases, find out what it is. Bongiorno believes that one year is fairest. "If something is going to go wrong, it will go wrong within the first year," he says. "Sometimes the warranty on the printhead is different than the printer, which you have to be careful of."

• *Can the printer produce the kind of graphics you need?* You may not need graphics at all, of course, but if you do, there are basically two types of graphics that printers can produce. With *block graphics*, the printer recognizes a block of dots as a symbol or special character. It constructs the picture by assembling these symbols. With *dot-addressable graphics*, each tiny dot can be individually printed, so the printer isn't limited to a set of predefined block graphics patterns. If you need to reproduce high-resolution drawings, charts, or diagrams, you'll probably need a printer with dot-addressable graphics. It will also have to be a dot-matrix printer, because daisy wheel printers aren't capable of producing detailed graphics.

Although these are the major concerns, there are myriad other questions you'll want answered when shopping for a printer:

How fast is it? Printer speeds are usually measured in characters per second, abbreviated cps. Dot-matrix printers are generally much faster than daisy wheel printers in the same price range, but remember that speeds can vary in different printing modes.

How noisy is it? For home use, this might be critically important if your computer shares a family room with the TV.

Does it have a buffer? How large? A printer buffer is an area of memory inside the printer that lets it print your material while freeing up the computer for other tasks. To be useful, a printer buffer should be at least as large as the files you need to print. For instance, if you'll frequently be printing documents about 16K long—roughly eight double-spaced pages—the printer buffer should contain at least 16K of memory. To keep initial costs down, you can often buy a printer without a buffer and add the memory later. Also, printer buffers are available as separate devices that connect between a computer and any standard printer.

Can the printer produce special type styles, like italics, boldface, condensed, expanded? Keep in mind that even though a printer offers special fonts, your software may not be capable of sending the proper codes to take advantage of these features. This is a tricky problem that can only be solved by carefully comparing the software manual with the printer manual.

Can I afford it? The bottom-line question.

A good computer dealer, says Crowley, will take the time to answer all of your questions and run the printer through its paces, just as a good car dealer will take you out for a test drive. "I've actually gone in to buy a car and gotten a salesman who couldn't tell me whether it had six or eight cylinders," he says. "If you run up against somebody who's not willing to take the time, then take your business someplace else—because there are plenty of people who are willing." ©

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Solving Common Printer Problems

Selby Bateman, Features Editor

Few things in computing are as frustrating as a recalcitrant printer. Here are some tips on how to find relief.

At one time or another, every computer user looks at the paper rolling out of a printer and sees something that seems to have been sent from an alternate universe. That's not what I told my computer to print!

Your neatly formatted double-spaced letter is being printed all on one line. Or your beautiful four-color screen illustration is appearing on paper as a series of capital E's. The italics and underlining you've added for emphasis in a report have changed the rest of the words to an unknown foreign language. Or, perhaps most depressing, the paper is simply rolling out of your printer completely blank.

Nine times out of ten, your printer problems won't be mechanical in nature. More likely, they'll fall into one of two major areas, which we may call *interface/configuration mistakes* and *special effects errors*.

Problems with interfacing and configuring your computer and printer usually happen during your first attempts to connect everything together. But confusion over special effects—such as boldfacing, underlining, super- and subscripting, and graphics—can happen even to the most advanced computer user.

No matter what the cause of a printer problem, it is a frustrating experience. Yet, with some patience and a thorough understanding of

how the computer, printer, software, and printer interface work together, you can unleash all of the power and high-quality performance packed into today's printers.

Whether your computer is a Commodore, IBM, Apple, Atari, TI, or other brand, you should become familiar with how it connects to a printer. Often an extra interface is required to allow an otherwise incompatible printer and computer talk to each other.

A thorough discussion of the many printer interfaces for microcomputers could fill a book. But basically, your data will be sent from computer to printer either in a *serial* or *parallel* stream, one bit at a time or eight bits at a time. Most printers use the parallel method. Your computer and printer manuals will tell you which kind of interface to use. But you should also know that some computers require additional accessories to work with certain printers.

For example, the Apple II needs an interface cable and either a parallel or serial interface card. IBM PCs need either the standard printer interface card for parallel connection or an asynchronous serial card. A Commodore 64 can hook directly to Commodore printers to make use of the special graphics symbols and reverse-video characters, but if you want to print special character sets, different type fonts, or foreign language characters, you'll need other printers and appropriate interfaces. Similarly, Atari computers hook up

directly to Atari printers, but require the 850 Interface Module or a substitute to work with other printers.

That super-low-priced printer might not look like such a bargain when you arrive home and find that you not only need an additional \$35 cable but also a \$100 add-on interface. Although most stores selling printers have salespeople to help answer your questions, you should still do your homework with computer manuals, magazines, and books.

To add to the confusion, the application software you want to use—such as a word processor or graphics program—can add its own complications. Unless you configure your system correctly, what you end up with may be quite different from what you want.

For example, let's say your interface automatically sends a *linefeed* instruction which tells the printer to advance the paper. Your word processing program may already contain a similar command. And the printer, unless adjusted, may automatically add a linefeed as well. As a result, when you try to print out a single-spaced letter, the printer may be following instructions to put two or three linefeeds between each line of print. Conversely, you could also end up with no linefeeds at all. The entire letter might be printed on a single line.

The solution, of course, is to enable or disable the linefeeds, depending on the problem. This may involve opening up the printer or interface to flip a switch, or issuing the appropriate command with the word processor program. The answers are buried somewhere in the manuals.

Once you've got the printer and computer connected properly, you'll eventually want to take advantage of the advanced options which printers now offer. The special effects which turn your system into so much more than a typewriter are *theoretically* quite easy to control. The complexity stems, once again, from all the configuration possibilities. Versatility has a price.

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SpeedScript, you send a control code to the printer which backspaces and underlines after each character. But to Commodore 1525 or 801 printers, the code that most other printers understand as backspace is read as a command to enter graphics mode. Such conflicts are unavoidable, because there are so many different printers and control codes.

Whether you're just getting started with printers or are moving on to advanced printing features, there are a few basic concepts you should understand. If you're having printer problems, check this list to be sure you're familiar with each item. If you're not, invest some time exploring your computer, printer, software, and interface manuals to find a solution.

- **ASCII** (pronounced "AS-key"). American Standard Code for Information Interchange. A code that uses numbers from 0 to 127 to represent letters, numbers, punctuation symbols, and special control codes. Each code number consists of seven bits (binary digits). An eighth bit may be added for *parity* (see below). The first 32 ASCII numbers are control codes which can tell your printer to perform actions such as linefeeds, carriage returns, backspaces, and vertical and horizontal tabs.

Commodore and Atari computers use a slightly different form of ASCII which can cause translation problems with some interfaces and printers unless they are correctly configured.

- **Baud rate.** A measure of data transmission speeds, synonymous at lower speeds with bits per second. Computers can send data much faster than printers can produce images on paper. Consequently, the printer and interface must tell the computer to send data in bursts short enough for the printer to handle.

- **Buffer.** In a printer or interface, the memory area in which data is held after being sent from the computer. Printer buffers can be as small as one line of characters or range upward to thousands of bytes of data. If the buffer is large enough, it can hold all of the data you want to print, thus freeing the computer for other tasks while the printer goes about its work. The printer controls

the speed at which the data leaves the buffer and is printed on the paper.

- **Centronics-standard parallel connection.** A printer interface which allows data to be sent along separate wires eight bits at a time in a parallel flow. Most printers use a parallel interface to receive data from the computer. Some computers, however, must transmit data through a serial interface (see RS-232-standard serial connection). The Centronics interface, named after the printer company which popularized it, is the most common type of parallel interface on personal computers.

- **Character set.** The letters, numbers, and symbols which a printer or computer can produce. Note that many computers can display characters which the printer cannot reproduce, and vice versa. Some printers are capable of printing foreign character sets when you change the DIP switch settings. (See *DIP switches*).

- **Control codes.** Nonprintable commands sent from the computer to a printer for special actions, such as backspacing, carriage returns, linefeeds, tabs, and margin settings.

- **DIP switches** (Dual In-line Package). Small switches located on a printer or interface which can control a variety of options, such as baud rates, automatic/manual linefeeds, printing impression levels, international character sets, types of paper, form lengths, line spacing, and other parameters. Some printers and interfaces allow easy access to DIP switches, while others require you to take apart the case.

- **Emulation.** In terms of printers, a mode of operation which mimics another type of operation. For instance, some printer interfaces let a non-Commodore printer emulate a Commodore printer, allowing you to print the computer's special graphics symbols and reverse-video characters.

- **Escape codes.** Control code sequences which let you print certain characters not included in ASCII codes, or which activate special printer features such as boldfacing, italics, expanded or condensed type, and so on. Escape sequences are preceded by the *escape character*, ASCII 27. These sequences can be

sent to the printer in BASIC from your computer keyboard, or by the application software (such as a word processor). For example, ESC H might represent a British pound sign, ESC P might turn on or off the proportional spacing option on your printer, and ESC BS may determine the amount of space between characters in backspacing.

- **Firmware.** Software permanently burned into a ROM chip (Read Only Memory)—a cross between hardware and software. Printers contain firmware to control their printing options. Sometimes you can replace this chip with another to add more printing features.

- **Parity.** A way for your computer and printer to check the accuracy of the data being sent. An extra bit is added to the end of a seven-bit ASCII code representing a particular character. The computer checks the extra bit to verify that the data was not scrambled during transmission.

- **Proportional spacing.** Many printers today can vary the spacing between characters, as typesetters do. Typewriters have fixed spacing between all letters. For example, proportional spacing allows more room for a capital M or W and less room for a lowercase i or l.

- **Protocol.** All the rules and instructions controlling the way in which data is sent and received between the computer and printer.

- **RS-232-standard serial connection.** A type of interface that transmits data along a single wire one bit at a time, or serially. Although most printers use a parallel interface to receive data from a computer, some computers and printers require a serial interface. When all other factors are equal, a serial interface is slower than a parallel interface—but this is rarely important with printers, whose speeds are determined by mechanical limitations anyway.

- **Tractor-feed.** A pair of cogged wheels and guide wires that helps continuous-form paper roll through a printer. Some computers have built-in tractors, and others offer them as options.

- **Transparency.** A mode of operation for printer interfaces in which serial data is changed to parallel data without converting the original values of the data. ©

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Webster Dines Out

Walter Bulawa

Tired of blasting invaders from outer space? This whimsical game is set in a very different world—the miniature jungle in your own backyard. The original version was written for the Atari. We've added versions for Apple, TI, Commodore 64, VIC-20, and IBM PC and PCjr computers. A joystick is required for the Atari and Commodore 64 versions.

Guide Webster, the hungry tree spider, in his endless search for a square meal. Roving back and forth across his tree limb, he watches for bugs to appear in the grass below. When the time is right, he drops down on a strand of silk for a light snack, then climbs back up his web to look for more.

Unfortunately, this backyard paradise isn't quite perfect. The more Webster eats, the faster the bugs move, making it harder to find the next meal. Even worse, he's not the only one with an appetite—there's a speedy scorpion sharing the same hunting ground, stealing bugs when he can and giving Webster a sting whenever he drops too close.

Atari Version

Program 1—the Atari version of "Webster Dines Out"—will run on any Atari computer with at least 32K memory. Use the joystick to move Webster left or right at the top of the screen. When a bug passes below,

press the button to make him drop down.

Your goal is to score points as quickly as possible. Each bug is worth 25 points and you get 50 bonus points for snaring two bugs in a single drop. Webster has three lives in each game; getting stung by the scorpion costs you a life but does not reduce your score. The scorpion is a tough competitor: When Webster drops down, the scorpion speeds up to increase his chances of stealing a bug.

There are six skill levels, each harder than the last. As you advance to higher levels, the bugs and scorpion speed up, the grass grows longer, and a grey rock appears in the lawn. The other creatures hide behind these objects, but Webster can drop behind them too. The game ends when you lose all three lives or exhaust your time at the highest skill level.

Commodore 64 And VIC-20 Versions

Both Commodore versions of Webster Dines Out are scored like the Atari game—25 points for each bug, with a 50 point bonus for capturing two at once. You begin with three lives, and lose one each time you collide with the scorpion.

The 64 version (Program 2) is played with a joystick in port 2. The bugs and scorpion move across a sloping, multicolored lawn; at higher skill levels, colorful objects grow up to obscure your view of the ground. Play ends when your lives



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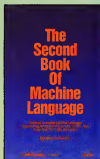
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are used up or time runs out at the last skill level.

The VIC-20 version of Webster Dines Out is written in machine language (ML) for the unexpanded VIC. Program 3 is a BASIC loader that saves the ML program on disk or tape. Since the loader won't fit in an unexpanded VIC, you'll need at least 8K memory expansion to run it (a Commodore 64 can also be used; see instructions below). Type in and save Program 3, but don't try to run it yet. Enter this line in direct mode (without a line number):

POKE6609,0:POKE43,209:POKE44,25:
NEW

Now reload Program 3 and run it. Press D to save the game on disk, or T to save it on tape. The finished program will be named WEBSTER (replacing any other program of that name on your disk). If you don't have memory expansion, you can use a Commodore 64 to create the VIC game (of course, the game itself runs only on a VIC). To run the loader on a 64, change the 57809 to 57812, and 63109 to 62957 in lines 9-11 of Program 3. Then follow the procedure described above.

Once the game is saved, remove any memory expansion and load and run it like a BASIC program. Move Webster with the < and > keys, and drop him down by pressing the space bar. As you progress to higher skill levels, the speed increases, and rocks appear below, blocking your vision. You can snare bugs from behind the rocks, but be careful not to drop onto a hidden scorpion. Play continues until you lose all three lives.

IBM Version

Program 4 runs on any PCjr with cartridge BASIC and any IBM PC with BASICA and a color/graphics adapter card. Press the left and right cursor keys to move Webster, and the space bar to drop.

Webster's lifeline is displayed at the top of the screen. When you drop to get a bug, your energy level is drained and your lifeline shrinks. Capturing a bug restores your energy and expands your lifeline. You'll score 10 points for catching a beetle, and 20 for each bug, with bonus points for multiple captures. Extra bonus points are awarded at the 1,000, 5,000 and 10,000 point marks. As your score increases, the

bugs speed up and become more scarce; your energy will drain faster, too. The game ends when you hit the scorpion or your energy drains to zero.

Apple Version

This version of Webster Dines Out will run on any Apple II series computer. Since it's written entirely in machine language (ML), it must be entered using the "Apple MLX" machine language editor found elsewhere in this issue. MLX will greatly simplify the usually tedious job of accurately entering the many numbers that make up a ML program. But be sure that you read the MLX article and understand how to use MLX before you begin entering the data from Program 5.

When you run MLX, it will ask for a starting and ending address. Use the values indicated in Program 5:

START ADDRESS? 1100
END ADDRESS? 1F14

MLX will then give you a menu of options. Choose E for enter and give 1100 as the starting address. A prompt for the first line will appear, and you can begin entering the data from Program 5. If you don't type the entire listing in one sitting, follow the instructions in the MLX article for saving a partially complete version and reloading it later. When you're finished typing, MLX will prompt you for a filename for the completed machine language program. To load and run the game, simply type BRUN"WEBSTER" (or whatever name you used for the completed program) and press RETURN.

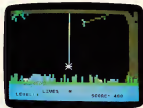
The scoring is identical to the Atari version. Use the left and right arrow keys to move on the branch, and press the space bar to drop to the ground. Avoid colliding with the giant grasshopper—when that happens, Webster loses a life (and is carried bodily off the screen). The grass in the lawn grows higher as the game progresses, making your job more difficult. You can drop into the grass to snare a hidden bug, but be sure to keep track of the giant hopper, who might be lurking there as well.

TI Version

This version of Webster (Program 6) uses sprites for the spider, bugs, and

scorpion, and thus requires TI Extended BASIC. You can use either joystick or keyboard controls. For the keyboard, press the S key to move left, the D key to move right, and the space bar to make Webster drop. Scoring is identical to the Atari version: You have three lives in each game, and six possible levels. Bugs are worth 25 points, with a 50 point bonus for catching two at once.

At the bottom of the screen you'll see Webster's lifeline. Dropping for a bug drains your energy and shrinks the lifeline; catching a bug restores your energy to normal. You lose a life whenever your energy drains to zero or you hit the scorpion. The game will not end until you lose all three lives.



Growing grass and grey rocks make it tough for Webster to find a meal in Atari "Webster Dines Out."

Program 1: Webster Dines Out For Atari

Please refer to "COMPUTER'S Guide to Typing in Programs" before entering this listing.

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10 80SUS 7000
20 80SUS 7100
30 80SUS 7600
40 LEVEL=LEVEL+1
50 ON LEVEL 80SUS 85,1000
   0,10100,10200,10300,10
   400,19000
60 POKE 656,2:POKE 657,8:
   ? LEVEL
70 POKE 53248,XPOS:PD0*(Y
   POS,YPOS+LEN(SPIDERS))
   =SPIDERS
80 COUNTER=0
90 REM *** MAIN LOOP STAR
   T ***
100 S=STICK(0)
110 XPOS=XPOS+4*(S=7)-4*(
   S=1)
120 IF XPOS>XMAX THEN XPO
   S=XMAX
130 IF XPOS<XMIN THEN XPO
   S=XMIN

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B 150 POKE 53248,XPOS
B 200 S=STRIG(0)
C 210 IF S<>0 THEN 400
B 211 REM ** WEBSTER LEAPS
C 212 PDKE 53278,0
C 214 VEL=XB3VEL,XB3VEL=VEL
/2
R 220 FOR I=YPOS TO YB-4 ST
EP 4
# 240 P00$(I,I+LS)=SPIDER$
L 244 SOUND 0,I,10,4
M 246 IF XB3=0 THEN FOR D=1
TO 6:NEXT D:GOTO 250
U 248 GOSUB B30
P 250 NEXT I
P 260 HIT=PEEK(53260):IF HI
T<>0 THEN GDSUB 1000
I 280 FOR I=YB-4 TO YPOS ST
EP -4
M 300 P00$(I,I+LS)=SPIDER$
L 304 SOUND 0,I,10,4
M 306 IF XB3=0 THEN FOR D=1
TO 6:NEXT D:GOTO 310
U 308 GOSUB B30
R 310 NEXT I
R 320 SOUND 0,0,0,0
P 322 XB3VEL=VEL
R 399 REM ** BUG 1 MOVEMENT
R 400 IF XB1<>0 THEN 430
U 410 X=INT(51*RND(0)-25)
U 414 IF ABS(X)<>1 THEN 500
R 418 XB1=XMIN:(X=1)+XMAX:(
X=-1)
U 419 XB1VEL=X*XB1SPEED
C 424 P01$(YB,YB+LEN(BUG$))
=BUG$
R 430 SOUND 1,30,14,4
U 440 XB1=XB1+XB1VEL
U 442 IF XB1<XMIN OR XB1>XM
AX THEN XB1=0
M 450 POKE 53249,XB1
L 450 SOUND 1,0,0,0
R 499 REM ** BUG 2 MOVEMENT
M 500 IF XB2<>0 THEN 530
U 510 X=INT(51*RND(0)-25)
M 514 IF ABS(X)<>1 THEN 600
R 518 XB2=XMIN:(X=1)+XMAX:(
X=-1)
U 519 XB2VEL=X*XB2SPEED
M 524 P02$(YB,YB+LEN(BUG$))
=BUG$
C 530 SOUND 2,11,14,4
U 540 XB2=XB2+XB2VEL
U 542 IF XB2<XMIN OR XB2>XM
AX THEN XB2=0
M 550 POKE 53250,XB2
R 550 SOUND 2,0,0,0
R 599 REM ** BUG 3 MOVEMENT
R 600 IF XB3<>0 THEN 630
U 610 X=INT(51*RND(0)-F2)
R 614 IF ABS(X)<>1 THEN 100
P 616 COUNTER=COUNTER+1:IF
COUNTER>15 THEN POP 1
GOTO 50
R 618 XB3=XMIN:(X=1)+XMAX:(
X=-1)
U 619 XB3VEL=X*XB3SPEED
M 624 P03$(YB,YB+LEN(BUG$))
=BUG$
L 630 GOSUB B30
R 700 GOTO 100
R 702 REM *** END OF MAIN L
OOP ***
C 829 REM ** MOVE BUG 3
R 830 SOUND 3,5,0,4
R 840 XB3=XB3+XB3VEL
R 842 IF XB3<XMIN OR XB3>XM
AX THEN XB3=0
R 850 POKE 53251,XB3
R 860 IF XB3=XB1 THEN XB1=0
:POKE 53249,0
H 862 IF XB3=XB2 THEN XB2=0
:POKE 53250,0
H 890 SOUND 3,0,0,0
R 899 RETURN
H 1000 REM SPIDER HIT A BUG
(WHICH?)
U 1004 HIT=INT(HIT/2)
D 1010 DN HIT GDSUB 1100,12
00,1300,1400,1500,16
00,1700
C 1011 RETURN
U 1100 REM XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
C 1110 XB1=0:POKE 53249,XB1
U 1120 SCORE=SCORE+25
C 1125 GDSUB 1000
U 1130 RETURN
U 1200 REM XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
R 1210 XB2=0:POKE 53250,XB2
U 1230 SCORE=SCORE+25
R 1235 GDSUB 1000
R 1240 RETURN
M 1300 REM XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XMIN=0
M 1310 GOSUB 1100
M 1320 GDSUB 1200
U 1330 SCORE=SCORE+50
P 1335 GDSUB 1000
U 1340 RETURN
M 1400 REM XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
FOR I=20 TO 200 STEP
4
M 1420 SOUND 0,1,14,0
U 1430 SETCOLOR 4,I,0
R 1440 FOR N=1 TO 10:NEXT N
C 1450 NEXT I
R 1455 POKE 656,1:POKE 657,
LIVES=2-16:?" "
U 1460 SOUND 0,0,0,0:SETCOL
OR 4,0,0
R 1470 LIVES=LIVES-1
U 1480 IF LIVES<1 THEN GOTO
19000
U 1490 RETURN
C 1500 REM XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
M 1510 XB1=0:POKE 53249,XB1
M 1520 GOSUB 1400
U 1530 RETURN
R 1600 REM XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
U 1610 XB2=0:POKE 53250,XB2
M 1620 GOSUB 1400
U 1630 RETURN
R 1700 REM XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
U 1710 XB1=0:POKE 53249,XB1
U 1720 XB2=0:POKE 53250,XB2
M 1730 GOSUB 1400
U 1740 RETURN
M 1800 REM XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
U 1810 POKE 656,2:POKE 657,
32
U 1820 PRINT SCORE
U 1830 SOUND 0,40,12,0:FOR
I=1 TO 10:NEXT I:SOU
ND 0,0,0,0
U 1899 RETURN
M 7000 REM XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
U 7010 DIM X$(1)
U 7020 A=AOR(X$)
R 7030 B=INT((A-512)/1024+1
)*1024
C 7040 DIM F$(B-A+511)
U 7050 DIM P00$(128),P01$(1
28),P02$(128),P03$(1
28)
M 7060 POKE 54279,INT(B/256
)
U 7099 RETURN
M 7100 REM XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
R 7110 DIM SPIDER$(15)
R 7120 FOR I=1 TO 15
READ X:SPIDER$(I)=CHR
(X)
R 7140 NEXT I
R 7150 DATA B,0,B,0,137,74,
60,255,60,74,129,0,0
,0,0
M 7152 LS=LEN(SPIDER$)
C 7160 DIM BUG$(3)
R 7170 FOR I=1 TO 3
READ X:BUG$(I)=CHR$(
X)
R 7190 NEXT I
R 7200 DATA 28,62,42
R 7200 REM ** INTRO DISPLAY
R 7310 POKE 53248,0:POKE 53
249,0:POKE 53250,0:P
DKE 53251,0
R 7320 GRAPHICS 2+16
U 7330 ? "61? 61? 61?
(6 SPACES)"
R 7340 ? "61? 61? 61?
(5 SPACES)DINES OUT
"
U 7350 ? "61? 61? 61? 61?
(4 SPACES)press st
art"
R 7379 REM ** PLAY MUSIC-AM
AIT START
R 7380 RESTORE 19100
R 7384 POKE 53279,0
R 7390 FOR I=1 TO 73:READ X
:SOUND 2,X,10,0
R 7392 IF PEEK(53279)=6 THE
N POP 1:SOUND 2,0,0,0
:RETURN
R 7394 FOR J=1 TO 7:NEXT J:
NEXT I
R 7395 FOR J=1 TO 40:NEXT J
R 7396 GOTO 7300
U 7600 REM XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
R 7610 GRAPHICS 5
U 7620 REM CLEAR COLLISION
REGISTER
R 7630 POKE 53278,0
R 7640 REM SET PLAYER SIZES
(2X)
R 7650 POKE 53256,0:POKE 53
257,0:POKE 53258,0:P
OKE 53259,1
U 7660 REM SET PLAYER COLOR
S
R 7670 POKE 704,10:POKE 705
,255:POKE 706,140:PO
KE 707,255
R 7680 REM ENABLE P/M GRAPH
ICS
R 7690 POKE 53277,3
R 7700 REM SET 2-LINE GRAPH
ICS
R 7710 POKE 559,46
U 7720 REM TURN OFF CURSOR
R 7722 POKE 752,1
R 7740 REM ZERO OUT CHARS
P00$(X)=CHR$(0):P00$(12
8)=CHR$(0):P00$(12)=P
D0$
R 7760 P01$=P00$:P02$=P00$:
P03$=P00$
R 7800 REM ** INITIAL SPIDE
R LOCATION
M 7810 XPOS=100:YPOS=21
R 7811 YB=Y0
R 7812 REM ** INIT BUG POS
& VELS
R 7814 XB1=0:XB2=0:XB3=0
R 7816 XB1VEL=0:XB2VEL=0:XB
3VEL=0
R 7817 XB1SPEED=1:XB2SPEED=
1:XB3SPEED=6

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M 7018 XMIN=42: XMAX=200
M 7020 F1=51: F2=25
M 7022 REM GRAPHICS
M 7024 SETCOLOR 0,12,6: SETC
OLOR 1,14,2: SETCOLOR
2,0,6
M 7026 REM XX DRAW LAWN
M 7028 COLOR 1
M 7030 PLOT 0,38: DRAWTO 79,
38: PLOT 8,39: DRAWTO
79,39
M 7032 COLOR 2: PLOT 44,7: OR
AWTO 60,2
M 7034 COLOR 2: POKE 765,2: R
ESTORE 7940
M 7036 FOR I=1 TO 4: READ X,
Y: PLOT X,Y
M 7038 FOR N=1 TO 3: READ X,
Y: DRAWTO X,Y
M 7040 NEXT N: READ X,Y: POSI
TION X,Y: XIO 10,6,0,0,
0,"S": NEXT I
M 7042 DATA 74,30,79,30,79,
37,71,37,74,30,74,7,
79,7,79,30,74,30,74,
7,70,0,73,0,79,7,74,
7,70,0,77,0,79,0
M 7044 DATA 79,7,77,5,77,0
M 7046 PLOT 0,0: DRAWTO 0,2:
POSITION 0,0: XIO 10,
6,0,0,0,"S":
M 7048 REM XX PLOT TREE LEA
VES
M 7050 COLOR 1
M 7052 RESTORE 7954: FOR I=1
TO 24: READ X,Y: PLOT
X,Y: NEXT I
M 7054 DATA 1,3,1,4,2,3,3,4
,3,5,7,2,2,2,7,3,0,4,
3,2,0,6,2,10,2,3,0,4,
0,4,1,4,2,5,0,6,0,6,
2,7,2,45,0,44,5,45,6
,50,4
M 7056 POKE 623,4
M 7058 LIVES=3: LEVEL=0: SCOR
E=0
M 7060 POKE 656,1: POKE 657,
10: "LIVES
(3 SPACES)"
M 7062 POKE 656,2: POKE 657,
2: "LEVEL
(17 SPACES)"
M 7064 GOSUB 1000
M 7066 RETURN
M 10000 REM GRAPHICS
M 10002 XBSPPEED=3
M 10004 REM XX DRAW A BIG R
OCK
M 10006 COLOR 3
M 10008 PLOT 11,37: DRAWTO 2
5,37: PLOT 12,36: ORAW
TO 25,36: PLOT 13,3
5: DRAWTO 20,35: PLOT
22,35: DRAWTO 24,35
M 10010 PLOT 14,34: DRAWTO 1
8,34
M 10012 F1=31: F2=15
M 10014 RETURN
M 10016 REM XX GRAPHICS
M 10018 REM XX DRAW GRASS
M 10020 N=20: HEIGHT=1: GOSUB
12000
M 10022 REM XX DRAW A SMALL
ROCK
M 10024 COLOR 3: PLOT 60,37:
DRAWTO 65,37: PLOT 6
2,36: DRAWTO 64,36
M 10026 XBSPPEED=2
M 10028 RETURN

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M 10200 REM XX GRAPHICS
M 10202 N=10: HEIGHT=2: GOSUB
12000
M 10204 N=10: HEIGHT=3: GOSUB
12000
M 10206 RETURN
M 10208 REM XX GRAPHICS
M 10210 F1=21: F2=10
M 10212 N=10: HEIGHT=3: GOSUB
12000
M 10214 RETURN
M 10216 REM XX GRAPHICS
M 10218 XBSPPEED=4: XBSPPEED=
4: XBSPPEED=8
M 10220 N=10: HEIGHT=3: GOTO
12000
M 10222 F1=17: F2=8
M 10224 RETURN
M 10226 REM XX TO DRAW SOME
TALL GRASS
M 10228 COLOR 1
M 10230 FOR I=1 TO N
M 10232 X=INT(80*RND(0))
PLOT X,37: DRAWTO X,
37+HEIGHT
M 10234 NEXT I
M 10236 RETURN
M 10238 REM XX GRAPHICS & XX
M 10240 POKE 53240,0: POKE 5
3245,0: POKE 53250,0
POKE 53251,0
M 10242 GRAPHICS 2+16: "66
(5 SPACES)"
M 10244 "SCORE: 7 66"
M 10246 "7 66: 7 66"
M 10248 "7 66: 7 66: 7 66"
M 10250 "7 66: 7 66: 7 66: 7 66"
M 10252 RESTORE 19100
M 10254 FOR I=1 TO 73: READ
X
M 10256 SOUND 2,X,10,0: FOR
J=1 TO 5: NEXT J: NEX
T I
M 10258 REM MUSIC DATA
M 10260 DATA 162,0,121,0,0,
96,0,121,0,0,162,0,
121,0,0,96,0,121,0,
0,162,0,121,0,0,100
,96,0,100,0,121,0,1
20,0,0,121
M 10262 DATA 100,0,0,162,0,
120,0,0,100,0,120,0,
0,162,0,120,0,0,10
0,0,120,0,0,162,0,0
1,72,0,1,91,96,100,1
21,0,0
M 10264 DATA 100,121,0
M 10266 GRAPHICS 2+16: SETC
OLOR 4,4,2: SETCOLOR
0,12,6: SETCOLOR 1,0
,4: SETCOLOR 2,0,0
M 10268 POSITION 4,4: "7 66:"
PLAY A4A1N 6
M 10270 "7 66: 7 66:"
M 10272 "7 SPACES"
M 10274 POKE 764,255
I=PEEK(764): IF I<3
5 AND I>43 THEN 19
240
M 10276 IF I=35 THEN GOTO 2
0000
M 10278 POKE 764,255: GOTO 3
0
M 10280 END

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Program 2: Webster Dines Out For Commodore 64

Translation by Jeff Hamdani

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100 GOSUB 1130: GOSUB 1150: GOSUB 1
190: GOSUB 1580: GOSUB 1370
rem 233
110 LV=LV+1: CR=0: IFLV=7 THEN 149
0 rem 135
120 ONLV GOSUB 130,1400,1450,146
0,1470,1480: IFCR>10 THEN 110
rem 115
130 POKE 214,6: PRINT: POKE 211,35
: PRINTLV rem 125
140 POKE 214,20: PRINT: POKE 211,3
3: PRINTCR rem 156
160 P=PEEK(56320): D=15-(PAND15)
rem 194
170 XP=XP+8*(D=4)-8*(D=8)
rem 81
180 YP=INT((-200)*XP+227.2)
rem 249
190 IFXP>226 THEN XP=226 rem 87
200 IFXP<25 THEN XP=25 rem 231
210 POKEV,XP: POKEV+1,P rem 121
220 PR=PAND16 rem 243
230 IFPR<0 THEN 400 rem 41
240 VE=V3: V3=VE/2: POKE 1,17
rem 117
250 XX=INT(XP/8)-1: POKE 1: PTOYFS
TEPB: APOKEV,XP: POKEV+1,I rem 253
260 O=1064+XX+2: POKE 1,I: POKE 1
,I rem 180
270 POKEO,66: POKEO+CL,6
rem 131
280 IFB3=0 THEN 300 rem 205
290 GOSUB 750 rem 183
300 Z=Z+40: NEXT I rem 213
310 A=PEEK(V+30) AND 15: IFAAND1
5=1 THEN GOSUB 060: IFLS=0 THEN
POKE 1,16: GOTO 1030 rem 65
320 FOR I=YP TO PSTEP 8: POKEO,32
rem 126
330 POKEV,XP: POKEV+1,I: POKE 1,1
(1/3): POKE 1,I rem 220
340 IFB3=0 THEN 360 rem 208
350 GOSUB 750 rem 180
360 C=0+40: NEXT I: 2=0: POKE 1,16
rem 73
370 REM MUSI rem 188
380 V3=VE rem 252
390 REM BUG1 MOVEMENT rem 250
400 IFB1<0 THEN 460 rem 9
410 POKEV+21,PEEK(V+21) OR 4
rem 1
420 X=INT(F1*RND(0))-F2 rem 18
430 IFABS(X)<1 THEN 520 rem 22
440 B1=(-1)*(MI*(X=1)+MA*(X=-1))
rem 112
450 Y1=X*81 rem 99
460 B1=B1+V1: POKE 1,17: rem 241
470 IFB1<MI OR B1>MA THEN B1=0: POK
ET 1,16 rem 223
480 Y1=INT((-200)*B1+233.2) rem 165
490 POKE 2,1: POKEV+3,Y1: POKE
V+40,2 rem 157
500 POKE 1,INT(RND(0)*3+19): POK
ET 1,INT(RND(0)*1+91): POKE
1,16 rem 239
510 REM BUG2 MOVEMENT rem 245
520 IFB2<0 THEN 500 rem 16
530 POKEV+21,PEEK(V+21) OR 4
rem 6

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548 X=INT(F1*8ND(8)-F2):REM 21
550 IF ABS(X)<1 THEN B640:X=20
560 B2=(-1)*(MI*(X-1)+MA*(X-1))
570 V2=X*82:REM 104
580 B2=B2+V2:POKET2,17:REM 240
590 IF B2<MIORB2>MATHENB2=0:POK
ET2,16:REM 230
600 Y2=INT((-208)*B2+233.2):REM 161
610 POKEV+4,B2:POKEV+5,Y2:POKE
V+41,3:REM 159
620 POKET2,INT(RND(8)*7+25):PO
KEL2,INT(RND(8)*1+9):POKET
2,16:REM 242
630 REM BUG3 MOVEMENT:REM 249
640 IF B3<0 THEN 710:REM 15
650 X=INT(F1*8ND(8)-F2):REM 23
660 IF ABS(X)<1 THEN 160:REM 27
670 CR=CR+1:IF CR<18 AND LV=1 THEN
850:REM 12
680 IF CR<18 AND LV>1 THEN GOSUB 850
GOTO 110:REM 150
690 B3=(-1)*(MI*(X-1)+MA*(X-1))
700 V3=X*83:REM 101
710 GOSUB 8750:REM 180
720 GOTO 160:REM 105
730 REM END OF MAIN LOOP:REM 73
740 REM MOVE BUG3:REM 199
750 POKET3,129:REM 26
760 B3=B3+V3:REM 120
770 IF B3<MIORB3>MATHENB3=0:POK
ET3,16:REM 103
780 Y3=INT((-208)*B3+233.2):REM 172
790 POKEV+6,B3:POKEV+7,Y3:POKE
V+42,6:REM 178
800 POKET3,17:POKET3,5:POKET3,
128:REM 214
810 IF B3<MIORB3>MATHENB3=0:POK
ETV+40,8:POKEV+2,B1:POKET1,
16:REM 87
820 IF B3<MIORB3>MATHENB3=0:POK
ETV+40,8:POKEV+2,B1:REM 154
830 IF B3<MIORB3>MATHENB3=0:POK
ETV+41,8:POKEV+4,B2:POKET2,16:REM 75
840 REM MUSIC:REM 15
850 RETURN:REM 125
860 BN=0:FOR X=1 TO 3:BG=21X:REM 64
870 IF (AANDBG) THEN GOSUB 900:REM 100
880 NEXT:IF BN=2 THEN SC=SC+50:REM 207
885 IF BN=3 THEN SC=SC+100:REM 136
890 POKET2,14,20:PRINT:POKET2,11,3:PRINT SC:RETURN:REM 194
900 IF BG=0 THEN GOSUB 960:RETURN:REM 142
910 IF PEEK(V+2*X)>=XP-24 AND PEEK
K(V+2*X)<=XP+24 THEN GOSUB 950
0:SC=SC+25:POKEV+2*X,8:REM 54
920 IF PEEK(V+2)=0 THEN B1=0:REM 207
930 IF PEEK(V+4)=0 THEN B2=0:POKE
T2,16:REM 85
940 RETURN:REM 125
950 BN=BN+1:POKEV+21,PEEK(V+21)
AND 15-BG:RETURN:REM 51
960 IF PEEK(V+2*X)>=XP-24 AND PEEK
K(V+2*X)<=XP+24 THEN B1=1:SG=1:GOTO 980:REM 219
970 RETURN:REM 128
980 REM SPIDER HITS BIG BUG:REM 52
990 FOR I=8 TO 2 STEP 2:POKE53281,
I:POKE53280,I:REM 120
1000 PRINT"[HOME] [WHT]
[9 RIGHT] LIVES REMAINING
[SPACE]:L5:NEXT:REM 31
1010 FOR I=1 TO 700:NEXT:FOR I=182
4 TO 1855:POKEI+CL,5:POKEI,
160:NEXT:REM 170
1020 POKE53280,0:POKE53281,0:R
ETURN:REM 50
1030 REM SPIDER LOST ALL LIVES:REM 13
1040 0=0:XX=0:Z=0:FOR I=0 TO 3:PO
KEV+21,PEEK(V+21) AND (15-2
I):POKEV+2*I,0:NEXT:REM 77
1050 PRINT"[CLR] [6 DOWN]"SPC(1
5)"GAME OVER":REM 199
1060 0=1-3-LEN(STR$(SC))/2:PRINT
T"[2 DOWN]"SPC(8)"YOU SC
ORE IS":SC:REM 142
1070 PRINT"[2 DOWN]"SPC(12)"
[RVB]TRIGGER[OFF] TO STAR
T":REM 130
1080 PRINT"[2 DOWN]"SPC(15)"
[RVB]N[OFF] TO STOP":REM 128
1090 FR=PEEK(56320) AND 16:GETA$
=IFA$="" AND FR<0 THEN 1090:REM 139
1100 IF FR=0 THEN 100:REM 22
1110 IFA$="N" THEN END:REM 140
1120 GOTO 1090:REM 195
1130 PRINT"[CLR]":XP=100:CL=54
272:V=53248:SC=0:LV=0:L=0:
3:B1=0:B2=0:B3=0:P=56:REM 254
1140 V1=0:V2=0:V3=0:S1=4:S2=4:
S3=12:MI=0:MA=255:P1=51:P
2=25:RETURN:REM 122
1150 SD=CL:FOR L=SD TO 62+24:POKE
L,0:NEXT:T1=SD+4:D1=SD+5:
R1=SD+6:H1=SD+1:L1=SD:REM 245
1160 T2=1+T1:T3=T2+7:D2=D1+7:H
3=D2+7:R2=R1+7:S3=R2+7:H2
=H1+7:H3=H2+7:L2=L1+7:REM 18
1170 L3=L2+7:POKE54296,15:POKE
D1,17:POKER1,241:POKED2,1
7:POKER2,241:POKED3,17:REM 34
1180 POKER3,241:RETURN:REM 91
1190 POKE53281,0:POKE53280,0:FOR
I=1824 TO 1856:POKEI+CL,5:
POKEI,160:NEXT:REM 184
1200 FOR I=1984 TO 1743 STEP 36:PO
KEI+CL,1:POKEI,233:NEXT:REM 2
1210 FOR I=1985 TO 1733 STEP 36:PO
KEI+CL,2:POKEI,160:NEXT:REM 3
1220 FOR I=1986 TO 1744 STEP 36:PO
KEI+CL,3:POKEI,160:NEXT:REM 8
1230 FOR I=1987 TO 1705 STEP 36:PO
KEI+CL,4:POKEI,160:NEXT:REM 8
1240 POKE1692+CL,7:POKE1692,20
1:FOR I=1693 TO 1696:POKEI+C
L,7:POKEI,160:NEXT:REM 143
1250 POKE1732+CL,7:POKE1732,22
1:FOR I=1733 TO 1736:POKEI+C
L,7:POKEI,160:NEXT:REM 126
1260 POKE1772+CL,7:POKE1772,22
1:FOR I=1773 TO 1776:POKEI+C
L,7:POKEI,160:NEXT:REM 143
1270 FOR I=1988 TO 2016:POKEI+CL,
15:POKEI,160:NEXT:FOR I=19
52 TO 1976:POKEI+CL,15:REM 147
1280 POKEI,160:NEXT:FOR I=19167
01936:POKEI+CL,15:POKEI,1
60:NEXT:FOR I=1888 TO 1896:REM 134
1290 POKEI+CL,15:POKEI,160:NEX
T:FOR I=1844 TO 1856:POKEI+C
L,15:POKEI,160:NEXT:REM 89
1300 FOR I=1888 TO 1816:POKEI+CL,
15:POKEI,160:NEXT:REM 97
1310 FOR I=1856 TO 1863:POKEI+CL,
12:POKEI,102:POKEI+960+CL
,12:POKEI+960,102:NEXT:REM 80
1320 FOR I=1856 TO 2016 STEP 4:POK
EI+CL,12:POKEI,182:POKEI+
7+CL,12:POKEI+7,182:NEXT:REM 32
1330 RESTORE:FOR I=1100 TO 2168 ST
EP 4:READA:POKEI+CL,1:POK
EI,A:NEXT:REM 80
1340 FOR I=1668 TO 1828 STEP 4:REA
DA:POKEI+CL,1:POKEI,A:NEX
T:REM 8
1350 DATA 12,5,22,5,12,19,3,15,
18,5:REM 164
1360 RETURN:REM 170
1370 POKEV+21,9:POKE53275,14:REM 67
1380 FOR I=0 TO 3:POKEI+2048,192+
I:NEXT:REM 151
1390 RETURN:REM 173
1400 REM LEVEL 2 ADJUSTMENTS:REM 165
1410 S1=5:F1=31:F2=15:REM 99
1420 FOR I=1904 TO 1907:POKEI+CL,
INT(RND(8)*15+1):POKEI,16
0:NEXT:REM 137
1430 FOR I=1944 TO 1947:POKEI+CL,
INT(RND(8)*15+1):POKEI,16
0:NEXT:REM 146
1440 FOR I=1984 TO 1987:POKEI+CL,
INT(RND(8)*15+1):POKEI,16
0:NEXT:RETURN:REM 181
1450 S1=6:F1=31:F2=15:RETURN:REM 130
1460 S2=6:RETURN:REM 221
1470 S1=8:S3=16:F1=21:F2=10:RE
TURN:REM 228
1480 S1=10:S2=10:S3=20:F1=17:F
2=8:RETURN:REM 66
1490 FOR I=0 TO 3:POKEV+21,PEEK(V
+21) AND (15-2*I):POKEV+2*I
,0:NEXT:REM 8
1500 PRINT"[CLR] [6 DOWN]
[9 RIGHT] YOU WON THE GAME
":REM 129
1510 PRINT"[2 DOWN] [9 RIGHT] YO
UR SCORE IS":SC:REM 247
1520 PRINT"[2 DOWN] [9 RIGHT]
[RVB]TRIGGER[OFF] TO STAR
T":REM 169
1530 PRINT"[2 DOWN] [9 RIGHT]
[RVB]N[OFF] TO STOP":REM 156
1540 FR=PEEK(56320) AND 16:GETA$
=IFA$="" AND FR<0 THEN 1540:REM 139
1550 IF FR=0 THEN 100:REM 31
1560 IFA$="N" THEN END:REM 149
1570 GOTO 1540:REM 208
1580 I=12288:REM 89
1590 READ A:IF A=256 THEN RETU
RN:REM 31
1600 POKE I,A:I=I+1:GOTO 1590:REM 83

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1610 DATA 224,126,7,96,255,6
      :rem 103
1620 DATA 39,255,228,31,255,24
      :rem 8
1630 DATA 1,255,120,193,255,13
      :rem 1
1640 DATA 199,255,227,63,255,2
      :rem 52
1650 DATA 1,255,120,7,255,224
      :rem 149
1660 DATA 31,255,252,33,255,13
      :rem 0
1670 DATA 97,255,134,225,255,1
      :rem 34
1680 DATA 15,255,243,31,255,24
      :rem 8
1690 DATA 16,60,4,24,126,4
      :rem 250
1700 DATA 24,219,6,128,219,7
      :rem 92
1710 DATA 0,126,0,0,0,0:rem 72
1720 DATA 0,0,0,0,3,255:rem 79
1730 DATA 192,31,255,248,127,2
      :rem 55
1740 DATA 254,151,255,233,32,0
      :rem 189
1750 DATA 4,64,0,2,128,0
      :rem 142
1760 DATA 1,192,0,3,192,0
      :rem 192
1770 DATA 3,192,0,3,192,0
      :rem 195
1780 DATA 3,192,0,3,192,0
      :rem 196
1790 DATA 3,128,0,1,64,0
      :rem 144
1800 DATA 2,32,0,4,16,0:rem 81
1810 DATA 8,24,0,24,252,0
      :rem 189
1820 DATA 63,0,0,0,0,0:rem 26
1830 DATA 0,0,3,255,192,31
      :rem 241
1840 DATA 255,248,127,255,254,
      :rem 151
1850 DATA 255,233,32,0,4,64
      :rem 43
1860 DATA 0,2,128,0,1,192
      :rem 191
1870 DATA 0,3,192,0,3,192
      :rem 196
1880 DATA 0,3,192,0,3,192
      :rem 197
1890 DATA 0,3,192,0,3,128
      :rem 197
1900 DATA 0,1,64,0,2,32:rem 82
1910 DATA 0,4,16,0,24,192:rem 90
1920 DATA 0,24,252,0,63,0
      :rem 186
1930 DATA 15,0,248,24,129,24
      :rem 87
1940 DATA 48,0,12,248,0,15
      :rem 239
1950 DATA 152,129,25,207,0,243
      :rem 194
1960 DATA 96,0,6,31,255,248
      :rem 57
1970 DATA 63,255,254,127,255,2
      :rem 56
1980 DATA 255,255,255,127,255,
      :rem 189
1990 DATA 49,129,148,99,0,190
      :rem 171
2000 DATA 66,0,66,132,0,33
      :rem 236
2010 DATA 132,0,33,132,0,33
      :rem 17
2020 DATA 66,0,66,99,0,190
      :rem 6
2030 DATA 247,129,239,0,0,256
      :rem 143

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Commodore 64 "Webster Dines Out" takes advantage of sprite graphics.



"Webster Dines Out" for the VIC-20, a fast machine language game.

Program 3: Webster Dines Out For VIC-20

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Please refer to "COMPUTE's Guide to Typing in Programs" before entering this listing.

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0 PRINTCHR$(147)*"VIC-20 WEBSTER
  MAKER":PRINT :rem 179
1 IFPEEK(43)+256*PEEK(44)=6609
  THEN3 :rem 225
2 PRINT"POKE6608,0:POKE43,209:
  POKE44,25:NEW":PRINT"[DOWN]E
  NTER POKES, LOAD AGAIN":END
  :rem 90
3 INPUT"[RVS]D[OFF]ISK OR
  [RVS]T[OFF]APE":D$=IPD$="D"
  HEND=0:GOTO6 :rem 111
4 IFD$<"T"THEN3 :rem 159
5 D=1:REM FOR 64 CHANGE 57809
  [SPACE]TO 57812 AND 63189 TO
  62957 :rem 57
6 X=0:PRINT:PRINT"READING DATA
  " :rem 107
7 READA:IPA=256THEN9 :rem 224
8 POKE4689+X,A:X=X+1:GOTO7
  :rem 87
9 PRINT"[DOWN]SAVING WEBSTER":
  IPD=0:THENSYS57809*0:WEBSTER
  ",0,0 :rem 134
10 IPD=1:THENSYS57809*WEBSTER",
  1,0 :rem 246
11 POKE193,1:POKE194,18:POKE17
  4,65:POKE175,23:SYS63189:PR
  INT"[DOWN]OK":END :rem 93
12 DATA 1,0,1,0,0,150,52,49,48,
  :rem 10
13 DATA 8,169,147,32,218,255,1
  :rem 54
14 DATA 32,248,255,169,189,133
  :rem 113

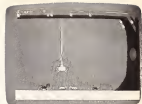
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15 DATA 32,30,203,120,173,4,14
  :rem 253
16 DATA 144,166,170,202,208,25
  :rem 112
17 DATA 255,201,13,208,233,00,
  :rem 216
18 DATA 141,174,2,169,25,141,1
  :rem 115
19 DATA 2,133,252,133,253,165,
  :rem 7
20 DATA 133,3,169,23,133,5,169
  :rem 54
21 DATA 2,169,5,153,100,3,169,
  :rem 248
22 DATA 136,16,243,169,2,141,1
  :rem 93
23 DATA 169,4,141,113,3,141,11
  :rem 250
24 DATA 17,19,202,16,250,169,1
  :rem 155
25 DATA 81,19,32,188,16,32,173
  :rem 24
26 DATA 174,176,2,32,168,10,32
  :rem 115
27 DATA 18,32,251,19,76,149,16
  :rem 81
28 DATA 165,197,201,64,240,70,
  :rem 124
29 DATA 201,29,208,24,166,3,22
  :rem 117
30 DATA 3,165,5,56,233,1,133,5
  :rem 163
31 DATA 0,133,6,76,0,17,201,37
  :rem 210
32 DATA 3,224,17,240,18,236,3
  :rem 254
33 DATA 1,133,5,165,6,105,0,13
  :rem 55
34 DATA 17,201,32,208,8,169,1,
  :rem 12
35 DATA 133,2,169,16 :rem 17
36 DATA 133,251,169,0,32,20,17
  :rem 69
37 DATA 174,17,168,169,32,145,
  :rem 183
38 DATA 141,175,2,165,5,24,185
  :rem 110
39 DATA 6,105,120,133,240,162,
  :rem 226
40 DATA 189,178,17,145,5,173,1
  :rem 236
41 DATA 16,239,96,165,2,240,94
  :rem 129
42 DATA 3,32,6,17,165,251,16,5
  :rem 169
43 DATA 105,1,24,185,228,141,1
  :rem 199
44 DATA 22,168,0,169,39,145,5
  :rem 12
45 DATA 22,133,5,165,6,105,0,1
  :rem 213
46 DATA 17,165,251,201,255,208
  :rem 206
47 DATA 3,32,182,17,201 :rem 206
48 DATA 239,208,9,169,0,133,2
  :rem 110
49 DATA 13,165,5,256,233,22,133
  :rem 15
50 DATA 0,133,6,32,155,17,176
  :rem 171
51 DATA 28,17,96,162,4,202,48
  :rem 78
52 DATA 168,177,5,201,40,144,2
  :rem 130
53 DATA 22,23,1,0,36,35,34,33
  :rem 102
54 DATA 178,2,162,6,165,3,221,
  :rem 210
55 DATA 24,105,1,221,90,3,240,
  :rem 43
56 DATA 173,178,2,201,3,144,4
  :rem 60

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55	DATA 281,2,144,13,169,58,24	208,227,168,43,169,rem 119
	181,252,133,253,rem 196	96 DATA 5,153,162,151,169,42,1
56	DATA 165,253,185,8,133,253,	92 DATA 2,176,2,169,rem 181
	96,142,177,2,224,rem 217	97 DATA 41,153,162,31,136,16,2
57	DATA 3,144,56,169,127,141,1	37,169,48,168,8,rem 165
	78,2,141,12,144,rem 161	98 DATA 153,148,31,169,8,153,1
58	DATA 32,131,17,198,251,173,	48,151,162,21,168,rem 253
	178,2,24,185,127,rem 214	99 DATA 1,24,32,240,255,169,21
59	DATA 141,13,144,173,178,2,3	3,168,19,32,38,rem 113
	2,28,17,165,162,rem 156	100 DATA 283,169,43,141,159,31
60	DATA 197,162,248,252,286,17	1,169,2,94,159,151,rem 54
	8,2,16,238,32,6,rem 154	101 DATA 96,28,83,67,79,82,69,3
61	DATA 17,286,242,31,173,242,	32,48,32,32,rem 249
	31,281,48,288,3,rem 152	102 DATA 32,32,32,76,69,86,65,3
62	DATA 76,181,28,96,238,178,2,	76,32,49,13,rem 24
	32,17,19,169,rem 88	103 DATA 32,32,32,32,32,32,32,32
63	DATA 231,133,4,165,4,141,12	32,31,76,73,rem 281
	144,238,252,288,rem 198	104 DATA 86,69,83,32,51,8,165,
64	DATA 2,238,252,32,251,19,23	252,141,168,2,rem 78
	8,4,288,238,174,rem 168	105 DATA 165,253,141,169,2,169
65	DATA 177,2,286,174,2,248,3,	8,141,178,2,141,rem 284
	76,284,17,169,rem 72	106 DATA 171,2,141,172,2,141,1
66	DATA 18,141,174,2,173,225,3,	73,2,162,15,14,rem 93
	1,281,54,248,41,rem 146	107 DATA 168,2,46,169,2,128,24
67	DATA 32,71,19,74,74,74,74,1	8,173,178,2,189,rem 167
	68,185,141,31,rem 89	108 DATA 178,2,141,178,2,173,1
68	DATA 281,32,288,241,185,142	71,2,189,171,2,rem 96
	31,281,32,288,234,rem 45	109 DATA 141,171,2,173,172,2,1
69	DATA 169,48,153,141,31,153,	89,172,2,141,172,rem 282
	142,31,169,8,153,rem 213	110 DATA 2,216,88,282,16,216,1
70	DATA 141,151,153,142,151,23	68,8,162,18,79,rem 183
	8,225,31,96,162,2,rem 1	111 DATA 178,2,72,74,74,74,74,
71	DATA 189,98,3,285,93,3,288,	32,86,28,184,rem 14
	18,32,71,19,rem 224	112 DATA 41,15,32,86,28,282,16
72	DATA 281,15,176,3,32,17,19,	236,96,285,173,rem 157
	282,16,235,96,rem 64	113 DATA 2,248,9,9,48,141,173,
73	DATA 152,72,168,8,136,288,2	2,153,213,31,rem 3
	53,282,288,248,184,rem 15	114 DATA 288,96,184,184,162,11
74	DATA 168,96,162,4,189,98,3,	168,3,24,32,248,rem 185
	168,222,68,3,rem 36	115 DATA 255,169,137,168,28,32
75	DATA 288,66,189,78,3,157,68	3,38,283,32,228,255,rem 51
	3,185,148,31,rem 77	116 DATA 281,89,288,3,76,62,16
76	DATA 281,48,176,5,169,32,15	281,78,288,242,rem 171
	3,148,31,189,88,rem 178	117 DATA 169,8,133,198,8,31,88
77	DATA 3,288,23,192,22,288,12	76,65,89,32,rem 38
	165,162,281,5,rem 188	118 DATA 65,67,1,65,73,78,32,89,
78	DATA 176,3,32,17,19,76,13,1	47,78,8,144,rem 252
	9,254,98,3,rem 187	119 DATA 87,69,66,83,84,69,82,
79	DATA 288,76,258,18,192,8,28	32,68,73,78,rem 19
	8,12,165,162,281,rem 218	120 DATA 69,83,32,79,85,84,13,
80	DATA 5,176,3,32,17,19,76,13,	13,13,13,31,rem 225
	19,222,98,rem 177	121 DATA 32,32,72,73,84,32,82,
81	DATA 3,136,185,148,31,281,4	69,84,85,82,rem 248
	8,176,12,189,61,rem 168	122 DATA 78,32,84,79,32,88,76,
82	DATA 19,153,148,31,189,66,1	65,89,8,168,rem 244
	9,153,148,151,282,rem 9	123 DATA 8,189,8,128,153,8,288,
83	DATA 16,159,96,173,36,145,1	185,8,129,153,rem 55
	6,9,169,8,157,rem 93	124 DATA 8,29,136,288,241,169,
84	DATA 88,3,169,1,286,7,169,1	255,141,5,144,168,rem 6
	1,157,88,3,rem 132	125 DATA 95,185,231,28,153,8,2
85	DATA 169,21,157,98,3,32,71,	9,136,16,247,96,rem 183
	19,221,188,3,rem 11	126 DATA 32,24,135,79,63,159,1
86	DATA 144,248,221,118,3,176,	59,95,8,48,193,rem 149



Multicolored bugs scurry across the lawn in "Webster Dines Out" for the IBM PC/PCjr.

Program 4: Webster Dines Out For IBM PC/PCjr

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03 and BASICA or Expanded
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M 165 FOR I=0 TO 15 STEP 2:GOTO 170
LE (100,100),1,0,,B/5:NE
XT
N 170 BEETSPD=2:BEET2SPD=2:
BUGSPD=2:BUG2SPD=2:SC
ORPSPD=4
L 180 BEETSCORE=10:BUGSCORE=20:
MISLIFE=10:BUGLIFE=10:BE
ETLIFE=15:DRAINFLE=1:5:P
ROBABILITY=20
K 190 WEBX=100:WEBY=21:PUT (WEB
X,WEBY),WEB,PSET:1:LIFE=1
0:GOSUB 1030:LOCATE 1,1:P
RINT"Score":10
K 200 LIFE=LIFE-1:DRAINFLE=1:SD
UND 40,,1:SOUNDFLAG:GOSUB
1030
N 210 IF SCORFLAG THEN PUT (SC
ORPX,SCORPY),SCORP,PSET:5
CORPX=SCORPX+SCORPSPEED:I
F SCORPX<0 THEN SCORFLAG
=0:PUT (SCORPX+SCORPSPEED
,SCORPY),SCORP
N 220 IF BEETFLAG THEN PUT (BE
TX,BEETY),BEET,PSET:BEETX
=BEETX+BEETSPD:I F BEETX
>231 THEN BEETFLAG=0:PUT
(BEETX-BEETSPD,BEETY),B
EET
K 230 IF BEET2FLAG THEN PUT (BE
ET2X,BEET2Y),BEET2,PSET:B
EET2X=BEET2X-BEET2SPD:I
F BEET2X<0 THEN SCORFLAG
=0:PUT (BEET2X+BEET2SPD
,BEET2Y),BEET2
M 240 IF BUGFLAG THEN PUT (BUGX
,BUGY),BUG,PSET:BUGX=BUGX
-BUGSPD:I F BUGX<0 THEN
BUGFLAG=0:PUT (BUGX+BUGSP
EED,BUGY),BUG
N 250 IF BUG2FLAG THEN PUT (BUG
2X,BUG2Y),BUG2,PSET:BUG2X
=BUG2X+BUG2SPD:I F BUG2X
>226 THEN BUG2FLAG=0:PUT
(BUG2X-BUG2SPD,BUG2Y),B
UG2
A 260 K=INKEY$:IF K="" THEN 4
20
F 270 IF K=CHR$(0)+CHR$(75) TH
EN PUT (WEBX,WEBY),WEB,M
BX=WEBX+10:(WEBX>0):PUT (
WEBX,WEBY),WEB,GOTO 200
F 280 IF K=CHR$(0)+CHR$(77) TH
EN PUT (WEBX,WEBY),WEB,M
BX=WEBX-10:(WEBX<220):PUT
(WEBX,WEBY),WEB,GOTO 200
K 290 IF K<>" " THEN 420
L 300 FOR I=WEBY TO 145 STEP 3:
PUT (WEBX,I),WEB,PSET
L 310 SOUND 500+1420,,1:SOUNDFL
AG
F 320 NEXT:WEBX=WEBX+15:NUMHIT=0
F 330 IF BEETFLAG THEN IF ABS(W
BX-(10+BEETX+BEETSPD))<
10 THEN PUT (BEETX-BEETSP
EED,BEETY),BEET:BEETFLAG=
0:LIFE=LIFE-1:BEETLIFE=SC
ORPSCORE+BEETSCORE:GOS
UB 970:NUMHIT=NUMHIT+1
K 340 IF BEET2FLAG THEN IF ABS(
WBX-(10+BEET2X+BEET2SPD
))<10 THEN PUT (BEET2X+BE
ET2SPD,BEET2Y),BEET2:BE
ET2FLAG=0:LIFE=LIFE-1:BE
ETLIFE=SCORPSCORE+BEETS
CORE:GOSUB 970:NUMHIT=NUM
HIT+1
N 350 IF BUGFLAG THEN IF ABS(WB
X-(12+BUGX+BUGSPD))<10
THEN PUT (BUGX+BUGSPD,B
UGY),BUG:BUGFLAG=0:LIFE=L
IFE+BUGLIFE:SCORE=1+SCOR
E+BUGSCORE:GOSUB 970:NUM
HIT=NUMHIT+1
N 360 IF BUG2FLAG THEN IF ABS(W
BX-(12+BUG2X+BUG2SPD))<
10 THEN PUT (BUG2X+BUG2SP
EED,BUG2Y),BUG2:BUG2FLAG
=0:LIFE=LIFE+BUGLIFE+SCD
ORPSCORE+BUG2SCORE:GOSUB
970:NUMHIT=NUMHIT+1
N 370 IF SCORFLAG THEN IF ABS(
SCORE-(16+SCORPX+SCORPSPE
ED))<10 THEN WEBY=145:GOTO
1070
F 380 IF NUMHIT=0 THEN LIFE=L-1
PE=L-MISLIFE:I F LIFE<1 T
HEN WEBY=145
L 390 GOSUB 1030:IF NUMHIT=1 TH
EN SCORE=SCORE+10:NUMHIT
1:GOSUB 980:FDR W=1 TO 50
:1:SOUND 3000+10*(W AND 1)
,,0.170-(249,179),0,BF
N 400 FDR I=140 TO WEBY STEP 3:
PUT (WEBX,I),WEB,PSET:SDU
ND 1420+500,,1:SOUNDFLAG:
NEXT:PUT (WEBX,WEBY),WEB,
PSET
K 405 IF INKEY$<>" " THEN 405
L 410 GOTO 200
K 420 IF 100*AND(1)>PROBABILITY
THEN 200
K 430 ON 5*AND(1)+1 GOSUB 440,4
60,480,500,520:GOTO 200
K 440 IF BEETFLAG=0 THEN BEETFL
AG=1:BEETX=0
N 450 RETURN
K 460 IF BEET2FLAG=0 THEN BEET2
FLAG=1:BEET2X=231
N 470 RETURN
F 480 IF BUGFLAG=0 THEN BUGFLA
G=1:BUGX=226
N 490 RETURN
F 500 IF BUG2FLAG=0 THEN BUG2FL
AG=1:BUG2X=0
N 510 RETURN
L 520 IF SCORFLAG=0 THEN SCORP
FLAG=1:SCORPX=218
N 530 RETURN
L 540 END
L 550 BDTSCR=100
F 560 READ X,Y:E=(4+INT((X+7)/B
))Y/2:DIM WEB(E):WEB(0)=
X:WEB(1)=Y:WEBY=BDTSCR-Y:
FOR I=2 TO E:READ WEB(I):
NEXT
K 570 READ X,Y:E=(4+INT((X+7)/B
))Y/2:DIM BEET(E):BEET(0)=
X:BEET(1)=Y:BEETY=BDTSCR
-R-Y:FOR I=2 TO E:READ BE
ET(I):NEXT
F 580 READ X,Y:E=(4+INT((X+7)/B
))Y/2:DIM BEET2(E):BEET2
(0)=X:BEET2(1)=Y:BEET2Y=B
DTSCR-Y:FDR I=2 TO E:READ
BEET2(I):NEXT
K 590 READ X,Y:E=(4+INT((X+7)/B
))Y/2:DIM BUG(E):BUG(0)=
X:BUG(1)=Y:BUGY=BDTSCR-Y:
FDR I=2 TO E:READ BUG(I):
NEXT
K 600 READ X,Y:E=(4+INT((X+7)/B
))Y/2:DIM BUG2(E):BUG2(0
)=X:BUG2(1)=Y:BUG2Y=BDTSCR
-R-Y:FDR I=2 TO E:READ BUG
2(I):NEXT
K 610 READ X,Y:E=(4+INT((X+7)/B
))Y/2:DIM SCORP(E):SCORP(
0)=X:SCORP(1)=Y:SCORPY=B
DTSCR-Y:FOR I=2 TO E:READ
SCORP(I):NEXT
N 620 RETURN
F 630 END
J 640 DATA 3H3C,3H1A,3H0,3H500
,3H0,3H0,3H0,3H500
L 650 DATA 3H0,3H0,3H0,3H500,3H
0,3H0,3H0,3HFF00
L 660 DATA 3H0F,3H0,3H0,3HFF0F,
3HFF,3H0,3H0,3H0F0A
K 670 DATA 3HEA,3H0,3H0,3H0F0A
,3HEA,3H0,3H0,3H0F02
L 680 DATA 3HEB,3H0,3H0,3H0F0F,
3H0C,3H0,3H0,3HFF0F
L 690 DATA 3H0CFF,3H0,3H0,3HFF
F,3H0CFF,3H0,3H0F01,3H50
F
K 700 DATA 3H70FF,3H5A,3HFF14,3H
0CFS,3HFF75,3H0001,3H0A0,
3H75FF
J 710 DATA 3H0FF0,3H1000,3H0F01
,3H55FF,3HFF5F,3H1040,3H0
,3H55FF
K 720 DATA 3H5CFF,3H0001,3H1540
,3H5CFF,3HFF5F,3H1040,3H0
001,3H5CFF
L 730 DATA 3H0F0F,3H14,3H104,3H
F543,3H14FC,3H1,3H1410,3H
0
L 740 DATA 3H100,3H0040,3H0000,
3H0,3H0,3H10,3H1,3H0
L 750 DATA 3H0,3H4,3H0,3H0,3H0,
3H0,3H0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
,0,0,0
F 760 DATA 3H2A,3H5,3H0,3H0A0A,
3H0A,3H0A2,3H5B0A,3H0000
L 770 DATA 3H0A0A,3H0A,3H101,5
H10,3H0,3H0,3H0,3HFF00
L 780 DATA 3H24,3H0,3H0A20,3H00
,3H5000,3H0A0A,3H00,3H0A2
0
L 790 DATA 3H0A0A,3H0,3H4110,3H
0,3H0,3H0,3H0,3H0
F 800 DATA 3H0C,3H0,3H5,3H0,3H0
,3H0A0C,3H0,3H0
K 810 DATA 3H0005,3H0,3H0,3H439
5,3HFFFF,3H0C,3H0CFA,3HFF
FF
F 820 DATA 3H4,3H50A,3H5555,3H
55,3H900,3H0A5A,3H5A,3H20
00
L 830 DATA 3H2020,3H0,3H2000,3H
2020,3H0,3H0,3H0,3H0
K 840 DATA 3H0
F 850 DATA 3H0C,3H0,3H0,3H0,3H0
,3H0,3H0,3H0,3H300C
K 860 DATA 3H0,3H0,3H5000,3H300
,3HFFFF,3H50C1,3H1F00,3HFF
FF
L 870 DATA 3H0F05,3H5000,3H5555
,3H5550,3H1500,3H0A50,3H0
0,3H0
K 880 DATA 3H000,3H0,3H0,3H000,
3H0,3H0,3H0,3H0
K 890 DATA 3H0
L 900 DATA 3H40,3H0,3H0,3H0,3H0
,3H0A0,3H00,3H0,3H0
K 910 DATA 3H002,3H00,3H0,3H0,
3H002,3H00,3H00C,3H0
K 920 DATA 3H200,3H00,3H20C3,3H
0,3H0,3H0,3H600,3H0002
F 930 DATA 3H32A,3H0,3H0A03,3H0
AAA,3H0B,3H0,3H0A0C,3H0AA
A
K 940 DATA 3H00,3H0,3H2A3C,3H0A
2A,3H00,3H0,3H0,3H0AAA
F 950 DATA 3H00,3H0,3H0,3H1111,
3H0,3H0,3H0,3H0444
L 960 DATA 3H0,3H0,3H0,3H0,3H0,
3H0,3H0,3H0
K 970 LOCATE 1,1:PRINT"Yummy":
SOUND 110,2:SOUNDFLAG:FDR
I=600 TO 500 STEP-2:SOUN
D 1,,1:SOUNDFLAG:NEXT I
LOCATE 1,1:PRINT"Score":
SCORE

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11 990 IF SCORE>500 THEN BUGSPE
ED=3:BUGSPEED=3:SCORFSP
ED=5:PROBABILITY=10:DRAIN
LIFE=.6:MISSGLIFE=15
11 1000 IF SCORE>1000 THEN BUGS
PEED=4:BUGSPEED=4:BEETS
PEED=3:BEETSPEED=3:SCOR
FPEED=6:PROBABILITY=17:
DRAINLIFE=1
11 1010 IF SCORE>2000 THEN BEET
SPEED=4:BEETSPEED=4:DR
AINLIFE=2:PROBABILITY=15
:MISSLIFE=20
11 1020 RETURN
11 1030 IF LIFE>100 THEN LIFE:=
100
11 1040 LINE (136,5)-(136+LIFE,
5):-2:LIFE:=LIFE-3:LIFE
:=50:2:LIFE:=60:LIFE
(137+LIFE,5)-3:LIFE:=5,0
11 1050 IF LIFE<1 THEN LINE 1110
11 1060 RETURN
11 1070 FOR J=1 TO 5
11 1080 FOR I=145 TO 136 STEP-3:
PUT (HEX(I),).WEB,PSET:NE
XT: SOUND 50, SOUND FLAG
11 1090 FOR I=136 TO 145 STEP 3:
PUT (HEX(I),).WEB,PSET:NE
XT: SOUND 60, SOUND FLAG
11 1100 NEXT J
11 1110 FOR I=1 TO 10:PUT (HEX(I
+5*AND(1)+5*AND(1)):HEX(I
+5*WEB+5*AND(1))-5*AND(1
)),WEB:SOUND 40,.:1:SOUND
FLAG:NEXT
11 1120 IF INKEY$<"*" THEN LINE 1120
11 1130 LOCATE 13,13:PRINT "Play
Again? (Y/N):":A$=INPUT$
(1):IF A$="Y" OR A$="y"
THEN RUN
11 1140 SCREEN 0,0,0
11 1150 END

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**Program 5: Webster Dines
Out For Apple**

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START ADDRESS: 1100
END ADDRESS: 1F14
1100: 28 AC 19 A9 00 00 00 00 73
1101: 00 0E 00 A9 20 00 1E 00 00
1102: 05 E2 20 F2 F3 2C 57 C0 A1
1103: 2C 52 C0 2C 50 C0 2C 10 AD
1104: C0 A9 00 05 E6 20 F2 F3 FE
1105: A9 60 05 E6 20 F2 F3 A9 B4
1106: 50 05 FC A9 06 05 FD A9 02
1107: 20 A0 27 91 FC 00 18 F0 B4
1108: E6 FD A5 FD C9 00 D0 FD 5D
1109: A9 0A 05 FD C9 00 D0 E7 FA
1110: A5 FC 67 9F 70 00 2C 53 A9
1111: C0 A0 04 A9 01 20 78 19 B0
1112: A9 70 A9 1A A2 00 28 90 FD
1113: A9 0A A9 02 20 78 19 F4
1114: A9 70 A9 1A A2 00 28 90 B2
1115: 19 A0 19 A9 01 20 78 19 0E
1116: A0 06 A9 1A A2 00 28 90 05
1117: 19 A0 19 A9 02 20 78 19 87
1118: A9 01 A9 1A A2 00 28 90 58
1119: 19 A9 00 06 99 00 00 C0 C4
1120: C0 70 70 F0 20 A3 16 20 C6
1121: 04 17 20 5A 16 A9 00 00 21
1122: 10 00 8D 19 00 2C 2E 00 79
1123: 30 06 20 06 12 C4 F6 11 3F
1124: 20 05 13 D0 26 2C 27 00 F1
1125: 10 13 20 3B 1A 90 00 20 02
1126: 50 14 90 17 4C 00 11 20 78
1127: E9 14 20 67 15 2C 2E 00 31
1128: 10 09 20 39 15 20 72 10 09
1129: 4C F6 11 A9 00 8D 21 09 20
1130: 0D 20 09 8D 2E 00 28 0D 0D
1131: 12 AD 10 00 F0 17 20 9F D6
1132: 16 AD 10 00 10 AD 11 00 0E
1133: 10 00 10 00 00 20 4F 13 03
1134: 90 03 4C 00 11 AD 19 00 F0
1135: F0 03 20 18 AD 00 00 C0 58
1136: 10 30 2C 18 C9 00 00 00 8A
1137: 03 20 90 15 2C 2E 00 30 F4
1138: 2C 00 00 00 00 27 00 59
1139: 03 CE 27 00 18 1E C9 70
1140: 95 00 0C AD 27 00 C9 23 03
1141: F0 13 E0 27 00 10 00 C9 00
1142: 00 0A 09 00 00 2E 00 00 9C
1143: A9 00 00 30 00 4C A7 11 D9
1144: A2 00 00 00 8C 20 00 00 9C
1145: 00 00 00 20 6F 15 29 91
1146: D0 5C 20 6F 15 10 00 00
1147: A9 01 99 32 00 00 05 A9 DF
1148: 1A D0 09 A9 FF 99 32 00 74
1149: 00 0A A9 1A 20 7C 15 EE 0E
1150: 10 00 4C DF 12 99 32 00 2D
1151: 2C 1E 00 F0 03 70 12 C0 94
1152: 50 00 10 7D 09 99 9D 09 3C
1153: 09 CF D0 1C C9 20 18 F6
1154: 19 30 00 09 ED 2C 09 19
1155: 15 C9 03 00 11 AD 28 24
1156: 09 F0 0C 20 6F 15 29 03 75
1157: D0 05 A9 00 9D 00 00 0A 75
1158: 10 00 05 AA AC 20 00 C0 65
1159: C0 04 D0 60 AD 20 00 1A
1160: D0 20 2E 00 30 20 3C
1161: F0 15 29 C0 D0 36 A9 00 AF
1162: 3B 0D 31 00 00 31 00 30 C4
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1200: 00 1A D0 04 A9 15 D0

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1741: 8D 8C 08 85 FD 8D 8D 8D 48
1750: 8D 87 08 8D 8A 08 88 88 FC
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1F11: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F
1F20: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F
1F21: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F
1F30: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F
1F31: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F
1F40: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F
1F41: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F
1F50: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F
1F51: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F
1F60: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F
1F61: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F
1F70: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F
1F71: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F
1F80: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F
1F81: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F
1F90: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F
1F91: 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F 7F



Avoid the mammoth grasshopper in Apple "Webster Dines Out."



"Webster Dines Out" for TI uses sprites for the spider, scorpion and bugs.

Program 6: Webster Dines Out For TI

Translation by Patrick Parrish,
Programming Supervisor

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100 RANDOMIZE : CALL CLEAR
    : GOSUB 600 : CALL S
  GREEN(2) : CALL MAGNIFY
  (3)
110 CALL HCHAR(1,1,114,32) :
  : FOR T=30 TO 32 : CAL
    VCHAR(1,T,114,20) : N
  EXT T : CALL VCHAR(3,2
    9,114,2)
120 CALL HCHAR(19,29,114,2) :
  : CALL HCHAR(20,28,114
    ,3) : CALL HCHAR(3,20,1
    ,17) : CALL HCHAR(4,29,1
    ,17)
130 CALL HCHAR(2,29,114) :
  : CALL HCHAR(2,27,114,2)
140 CALL HCHAR(2,1,115,25) :
  : CALL HCHAR(2,26,17)
150 CALL HCHAR(19,28,112) :
  : CALL HCHAR(19,29,113) :
  : CALL HCHAR(20,26,112)
  : CALL HCHAR(20,27,113)
160 CALL VCHAR(5,30,118) :
  : CALL VCHAR(6,30,116,13)
  : CALL HCHAR(1,1,104,
    32) : OX=17 : OY=9
170 LEVEL=1 : LIVES=3 : S
  CORE=0 : E=0 : BUGFL(
    3)=0 : BUGFL(4)=0
180 CALL SPRITE(02,100,5,14
    5,1,RND*256,0,-15,RND+1
    0)
190 DISPLAY AT(22,9) : "LIVES
    " : LIVES : DISPLAY AT

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23,2) : "LEVEL:" : LEVEL :
  : DISPLAY AT(23,16) : "SCO
  RE:" : SCORE
200 YPOS=OY : XPOS=OX : C
  ALL VCHAR(YPOS/8+2,XPOS
    /8+1,32,16)
210 CALL SPRITE(01,136,14,Y
    POS,XPOS) : CCOL=25 :
  : CALL HCHAR(24,4,120,25)
220 FOR L=3 TO 4 : IF BUGF
    L(L)=0 AND RND<.5 THEN
  : CALL SPRITE(04,06,-(L=3
    ) : (L=4) : 5,145,1+198*
    RND,0,-5+RND*10) : BUGF
    L(L)=1
230 NEXT L : CALL MOTION(0
    2,0,-15,RND+10*LEVEL/2)
240 CALL KEY(0,K,S) : IF S=
    0 THEN CALL JOYST(1,XR,
    YR) : XR=SGN(XR) ELSE XR
    =(K=83)-(K=68)
250 COUNT=COUNT+LEVEL : IF
  : COUNT<10 THEN 330
260 CALL HCHAR(24,4+CCOL,32
    ) : COUNT=0 : CCOL=CCO
    L-1 : IF CCOL<>3 THEN
  : 280
270 FOR K=1 TO 30 STEP 2 :
  : CALL SOUND(50,1175,K) :
  : NEXT K
280 IF CCOL<>1 THEN 330
290 LIVES=LIVES-1 : CALL S
  PRITE(01,140,14,YPOS,XP
    OS) : FOR I=3 TO 17
300 CALL LOCATE(01,YPOS+1*8
    ,XPOS) : CALL SOUND(25,
    (23-1)*20,3) : IF I<>17
  : THEN 320
310 FOR L=1 TO 800 : NEXT
  L
320 NEXT I : IF LIVES=0 TH
  EN 710 ELSE 190
330 XPOS=XPOS-SGN(XPOS-5)*X
  R(XR=-1)*16-SGN(197-P
    OS)*XR(XR=1)*16
340 CALL LOCATE(01,YPOS,XPO
    S)
350 FOR L=3 TO 4 : CALL MO
    TION(0L,0,-5+RND*10) :
  : NEXT L
360 CALL KEY(1,K,S) : IF K<
  KEY(0,K,S) : IF (K<>18
    ) : (K<>32) THEN 220 ELSE
  : COUNT=10
370 FOR I=3 TO 18 : CALL H
  CHAR(YPOS+(I-1)*8)/8,X
    POS/8+1,128) : CALL LOC
    ATE(01,YPOS+1*8,XPOS)
380 IF I=18 THEN CALL COIN
    (ALL,C) ELSE 510
390 IF C=0 THEN 510
400 FOR L=2 TO 4 : CALL MO
    TION(0L,0,0) : NEXT L
410 FL=0 : FOR L=2 TO 4 :
  : CALL COINC(01,0L,10,C)
420 IF C=0 THEN 470
430 IF L=2 THEN 450
440 FOR K=9 TO 21 STEP 3 :
  : CALL SOUND(10,-5,K) :
  : NEXT K : CALL DELSPRIT
    E(0L) : E=2 : FL=FL+1
  : BUGFL(L)=0 : GOTO 4
  70
450 CALL SPRITE(01,140,14,1
    4,XPOS) : LIVES=LIVES-
    1 : E=1 : CALL SOUND(
    50,-6,4) : FOR K=5 TO 1
    5 STEP 5 : CALL SOUND(
    10,-5,K) : NEXT K
460 FOR T=1 TO 600 : NEXT
  T : L=4
470 NEXT L : IF E=0 OR E=1
  : THEN 510
480 PTS=FL*25 : PTS=-PTS=

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25)*25-(PTS=50)*100 :
  : SCORE=SCORE+PTS : : DIS
  PLY AT(13,22) : SCORE
490 IF SCORE>=100 : LEVEL THE
  N LEVEL=LEVEL+1 : (LEVEL=
    6) : : DISPLAY AT(23,8) : L
    EVEL
500 CCOL=25 : CALL HCHAR(2
    4,4,120,25) : E=0
510 NEXT I
520 IF E=1 THEN CALL DELSPR
    ITE(01) : CALL VCHAR(YP
    OS/8+2,XPOS/8+1,32,16) :
  : IF LIVES=0 THEN 710 E
    LSE E=0 : GOTO 190
530 FOR I=17 TO 2 STEP -1 :
  : CALL LOCATE(01,YPOS+1
    *8,XPOS) : CALL HCHAR(1
    ,YPOS+1*8)/8,XPOS/8+1,32
    ) : NEXT I : CALL LOCA
    TE(01,YPOS,XPOS)
540 CALL COINC(ALL,C) : IF
  : C=0 THEN 220
550 FOR I=2 TO 4 : CALL MO
    TION(01,0,0) : NEXT I
560 FOR L=3 TO 4 : CALL CO
    INC(02,0L,10,C)
570 IF C=0 THEN 590
580 FOR I=5 TO 15 STEP 5 :
  : CALL SOUND(10,-5,1) :
  : NEXT I : CALL DELSPRIT
    E(0L) : BUGFL(L)=0
590 NEXT L : GOTO 220
600 FOR T=112 TO 118 : REA
    O A : : CALL CHAR(T,A)
  : : NEXT T
610 CALL CHAR(96,"00000000
    000000000000000079F1D12
    0000000000000000000000E
    0F0F4848") : REM BUG
620 CALL CHAR(100,"00003078
    C4C0E603030303F1F0F090
    4000000000000103B204EFA
    FEFBF52291") : REM SCOR
    PION
630 CALL CHAR(104,"FFFFFFF
    FFFFFFFF",120,"10101010
    10101010",120,"00000000
    0000FFFF")
640 CALL CHAR(136,"03070507
    030163970C3E4E1C6F07003
    0C0E0A0E0C000C6E9307C72
    3BF6E1000C") : REM WEBS
    TER
650 CALL CHAR(140,"00000000
    2044A84B2F1F3F7870783F1
    F00000000100B4040000E0F7
    707F77E0C0") : REM WEBS
    TER2
660 DATA 000000031F3F7FFF,0
    00F1F1FFFFFFF,FFFFFFF
    FFFFFFFF,FFFFFFF00000
    000,0F0F0F0F0F0F0F0F
670 DATA FFFFFFFF3F0F0F07,0
    F0F0F0707070707
680 FOR I=2 TO 8 : CALL CO
    LOR(1,15,1) : NEXT I
690 CALL COLOR(1,15,2,10,3,
    1,11,7,1,12,5,1,13,16,1
    )
700 RETURN
710 DISPLAY AT(22,15) : LIVES
    : : DISPLAY AT(10,9) : "O
    ARE OVER" : : DISPLAY AT
    (12,5) : "PLAY AGAIN (Y/N
    )"
720 CALL KEY(0,K,S) : IF S=
    0 THEN 720
730 K=K*78 OR K=110 THEN E
    NO
740 IF K=09 OR K=121 THEN C
    ALL HCHAR(10,9,32,11) :
  : CALL HCHAR(12,7,32,19)
  : : GOTO 170 ELSE 720

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The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy

Neil Randall

Requirements: Commodore 64 with a disk drive; Atari 400/800, XL, or XE with at least 48K RAM and a drive; Apple II-series computer with at least 48K RAM and a drive; Apple Macintosh; IBM PC, PCjr, or MS-DOS 2.0 compatible computer with at least 48K RAM and a drive; TI-99/4A with 48K RAM, a disk drive, and Extended BASIC or Mini-Memory or Editor/Assembler cartridge; or a Kaypro II with CP/M. Versions for the Apricot and Epson QX-10 are forthcoming.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy may well be Infocom's best effort to date. There are several reasons for this. First, the comic absurdity of Douglas Adams' popular radio/television/novel series translates well to Infocom's style of interactive fiction. Second, the story has a built-in sense of humor, which increases the player's enjoyment and reduces frustration. Third, the story itself is fascinating.

A best-selling novel and hit BBC radio series, later adapted for TV, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* follows the hilarious adventures in space of Arthur Dent. Dent is an ordinary Englishman who one day witnesses the destruction of Earth (to make room for an Intergalactic Bypass). He eventually gets caught in the problem of finding the ultimate question to Life, the Universe, and Everything. The story is filled with absurd characters and wonderfully illogical events.

The narrative nature of *The Hitchhiker's Guide* is well suited to Infocom's text-only adventure format. In addition, Infocom's software boasts the industry's most advanced parser, that part of an adventure program which interprets the commands you enter. This means you can enter commands as normal English sentences and generally the computer will understand you. Infocom adventures take a long time to play, mainly because each contains several major puzzles you must figure out.

Comic Relief

Infocom's version of the story begins like the original series. Playing the role of Arthur Dent, you awaken to the sight of a bulldozer about to demolish your home. Solving this puzzle is quite easy, but the next major puzzle, aboard the Vogan spacecraft, is more difficult. In order to understand all alien languages, you have to find a way to get a Babel Fish into your ear (honestly). Although somewhat frustrating, this puzzle is entirely true to the humor of the radio series, and even if you don't solve it, you'll get several good laughs.

Humor, in fact, is the game's saving grace. It distinguishes *The Hitchhiker's Guide* from several other Infocom adventures. Most Infocom games take a long, long time to play, and for the most part you are simply solving puzzles. After awhile the puzzles may become frustrating, and in desperation you may begin seeking out other people to assist you in your struggles.

Not so with *The Hitchhiker's Guide*. I am committed to solving the thing myself, since I believe I have as small a grasp on logic as did the original series. I am far enough into the adventure to report that the game's humor consistently prevents you from becoming too frustrated. Adams' humor is sprinkled throughout, in descriptions (one object you find is "the thing which your aunt gave you which you don't know what it is") and in the actions of the characters and robots (Marvin the Paranoid Android never fails to elicit a laugh). For Infocom's version of *The Hitchhiker's Guide* to be successful, it had to be consistently funny and consistently absurd. Happily, it is both.

It also had to diverge from the series in one major respect: Arthur Dent's role had to change from spectator to major participant. In the original story, Dent is swept along by the strange happenings around him. But interactive fiction is strongest when your character can, to some degree, affect those happenings.

The role of passive observer does not translate well to an adventure program.

If it ever does, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* may be redone with a different emphasis. But until then, Infocom has given us a thoroughly enjoyable rendition of a delightfully bizarre story. Recommended for all adventure gamers.

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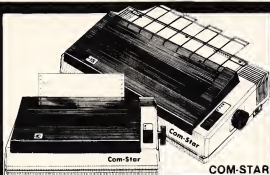
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Super-Text, from Muse Software, is a word processing program that can satisfy your writing needs even as they grow and become more sophisticated. Billed as a "professional" word processor, *Super-Text* was first released for the Apple computer more than two years ago and is now available for the Commodore 64, Atari, and IBM. The Commodore 64 version produces an 80-column display without any additional hardware.

The package consists of two identical program disks (a considerate policy), a comprehensive manual, and a quick reference card. The Atari program disk contains a special version of the Atari Disk Operating System (DOS) which permits access to all DOS commands from within the program. The disk also contains some predefined files which allow you to print your text on various printers—including those from Epson, Okidata, Atari, and NEC—and generic parallel and serial files so you can customize output to any other printer.

Special Printing

In addition to all the usual printing parameters, such as margin widths, page lengths, and lines per page, *Super-Text* also lets you define control key se-

quences for special printer features. A printer sequence code can be assigned to any of ten characters. You can then embed these nonprinting codes within your text to select such functions as superscripting, subscripting, ribbon colors, and alternate type styles. The manual contains several examples of how to set up your printer for these kinds of features.

In use, *Super-Text* is very similar to other word processors. To type, you enter a special "add mode." Word-wrapping and vertical-scrolling are automatic. To save text, you must exit the add mode and specify a filename; *Super-Text* adds the extension .TXT. Atari *Super-Text* files are in ASCII, so they can be read by other word processors or spelling-checker programs. Program files in ASCII format are also readable, as long as they have the .TXT extension.

To load a file, *Super-Text* first displays a numbered file directory of the disk. You can select a file by either its filename or number. This catalog screen also displays the name of the file in memory (if any), the current drive number, and the number of free pages remaining in memory. (On a 48K Atari, the maximum file size is 15K—about 15,000 characters.)

Super-Text contains a large number of flexible features. For example, the typical search-and-replace works either individually or globally, but also lets you specify wild cards, search for multiple strings, and search through any number of linked files on disk. The program even tells you how many occurrences were replaced. This lets you estimate the number of words in your document by globally searching for single spaces.

Programmable Keys

Another very useful feature is the ability to assign up to 30 characters to a single key. For instance, to write this review, I defined the string "Super-Text" as a programmable key. A single keypress then saved me from typing the phrase each time. This feature can be toggled on or off.

We can't list all the many features of *Super-Text* here because it's such a powerful program. It offers block operations, onscreen formatting and print previewing, soft and hard tab stops, headers, footers, auto page numbering, paragraph indentation, centering, underlining, and much more.

Super-Text is easy to use, has excellent documentation with numerous examples, and contains just about all the features a novice or serious writer might need.

I cannot think of any serious faults or omissions in *Super-Text*. If you are looking for your first word processor or want to upgrade to one with more horsepower, *Super-Text* is definitely worth considering.

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War In Russia

Neil Randall

Requirements: Atari 400/800, XL, or XE with at least 48K RAM and a disk drive; or an Apple II-series computer with at least 48K RAM and a disk drive (the Apple II+ requires Applesoft ROM).

The most important thing that can be said of a war game, whether it is simulated on a board or on a computer, is that it "feels right." For a war game to feel right, it must reflect the historical conditions and the scope of the battle it simulates, and it must make the player understand the difficulties encountered by the actual commanders as they made their decisions. Computerized war games have an inherent advantage over board games in this respect because of their ability to handle the nuts-and-bolts details of supply, equipment repair, and so forth. Unfortunately, computerized war games seem to rarely exploit this advantage. But *War in Russia*, an advanced-level game from Strategic Simulations, does much to correct that problem.

Played on a scrolling hex-map of the Soviet Union, *War in Russia* is a one- or two-player game dealing with the German invasion of 1941-45. *War in Russia* includes three scenarios (along with a campaign game) which cover the entire war and take many hours to play. Maneuverable units are battle groups of up to six divisions, with the distinction between tank and infantry formations. This allows you to reenact the breakthrough/encirclement tactics which characterized the blitzkriegs of World War II.

Several features contribute to a detailed but surprisingly easy-to-play system. The Reinforcement/Experience/Fatigue system provides the feel of combat on a divisional level, yet is handled simply. Prolonged combat increases the fatigue of a unit until it stops to rest. At the same time, units gain experience during combat, increasing their battle efficiency. When you reinforce a depleted unit, though, its experience level drops to reflect the addition of the "green" troops. Learning to exert some control over these processes gives you the feel of making real command decisions. If you don't make the proper adjustments, your offensive quickly grinds to a halt.

The Production Factor

Some of the fascinating aspects of *War in Russia* are watching the combat effectiveness of your units wax and wane,

resting your panzer divisions just long enough to prepare them for the next battle, and conserving your units' strength during battles in the winter. The German player, as happened historically, watches initial successes stopped by the coming of the first winter, while the Russian player must build an effective defense using weak and inexperienced troops. Both players must plan well ahead to keep their units fresh and at the highest possible strength and effectiveness. For both it is a great challenge.

Production is a major facet of the game, just as it was in World War II. Each nation may use its production capacity to build artillery, vehicle, or aircraft factories, or divert some capacity to increase the overall production level of the country. These economic decisions are difficult because their effects will not be apparent for months to come, and because they have a strong impact on strategy. This feature is quite easy to

use, and is another indication of the game's concern with the war as a whole.

War in Russia provides as accurate a model of the Russo-German campaign as any game I've seen, on board or on computer. Its duration and the size of its map lend a sense of the war's scope, while the production and combat-effectiveness systems provide you with the ability to make major decisions which change the course of the game.

Anyone who enjoys a solid analytical challenge will find hours of enjoyment here, and war-gamers should consider *War in Russia* a must. It operates not only on the operational level of military command, but also in the realms of strategic and economic policy. And above all, it feels right.

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Raid On Bungeling Bay

James V. Trunzo

Requirements: Commodore 64, a disk drive, and a joystick.

Home arcade games face a tough fight in today's software wars. After two years of being saturated with a variety of shoot-em-ups and maze games, a more sophisticated—and somewhat jaded—game player has emerged. And that player is a difficult customer to satisfy. But *Raid on Bungeling Bay* possesses all the virtues necessary to appease the demanding gamer.

The theme is simple. The Bungeling Empire is preparing the ultimate weapon of war for conquering the world. Its six war factories, each located on an industrialized island, are preparing for the invasion. Only you, a highly skilled helicopter pilot, have a chance to prevent the unthinkable. You must: bomb the war factories and destroy the Bungeling war machine.

But your mission is about the only thing in *Raid on Bungeling Bay* that is

ordinary. From the moment your highly mobile, heavily armed helicopter takes off from its aircraft carrier, there's enough action to please even the hardest-core arcade addict. Flying over beautifully rendered, 360-degree scrolling screens, you attack the Bungeling factories. They are guarded (of course) by tanks, boats, fighter planes, bombers, and radar. In addition, somewhere among the islands, the Bungelings are building a battleship complete with heat-seeking missiles that, if launched, are sure to spell your doom.

Is it necessary to destroy everything or just the factories? Everything! All elements have their purpose in this game. Radar, for example, helps enemy planes locate your position and attack. Tanks and artillery defend the factories. Boats carry supplies to help rebuild what you have destroyed.

The graphics are amazingly detailed. Smoke pours from the stacks atop the factories, helicopter blades whirl, heat-seeking missiles are propelled on

shafts of flame, and radar installations explode like fireworks. If you're skilled enough to complete your mission (I never was), you are rewarded with more graphics—a hero's welcome in the form of a victory parade and a newspaper account of your raid.

Learning to control your helicopter takes some practice, as it is extremely sensitive and maneuverable. You are given five helicopters at the beginning of the game. Each craft can absorb 100 points in damage before being destroyed, and the craft can return at any time to its carrier for a new bomb load and repairs—that is, if the carrier isn't under attack. Didn't I mention that possibility before? Well, it doesn't matter. You'll find out about this and other surprises when you play *Raid on Bungeling Bay* yourself.

Raid on Bungeling Bay
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Sundog: Frozen Legacy

James V. Trunzo

Requirements: Apple II-series computer with at least 64K RAM, a disk drive, and a two-button joystick.

First, take equal portions of *Star Wars* and *Star Trek*, mix in a dash of mystery and the unknown, a la Infocom's *Planetfall*, and add just a hint of arcade action. Next, pour these ingredients onto a 5¼-inch floppy. Finally, boot the disk as often as you like, and enjoy for months one of the most entertaining and absorbing role-playing games on the market today.

Sundog: Frozen Legacy is a refreshingly different, graphics-oriented space game. It seems simple enough at first. You have inherited a serviceable but rundown one-man star freighter named the *Sundog* from a little-known uncle who has died (mysteriously). You have also inherited his obligation: to help build a colony for a religious group. You must establish the colony somewhere on the planet Jond; find, buy, and de-

liver all goods needed for construction; and locate and deliver cryogenically preserved colonists who are being kept in warehouses in various cities somewhere within the Drahe Region.

But to complicate matters, you have no knowledge of trading, little knowledge of piloting the spacecraft, and the Drahe Region is huge. The designers of *Sundog* were ambitious, to say the least. The Drahe Region consists of 12 star systems with 18 inhabited planets—and those 18 planets are dotted with more than 900 populated cities.

Perhaps the most innovative aspect of *Sundog* is its liberal use of screen windows. The graphics range from excellent to adequate depending on which screen is in play (pilotage, tactical, on-land travel, etc.), but the windowing makes this program truly enjoyable to play.

Another nicety in *Sundog* is the variety of responses and interplay among the various people you meet. Bartenders can be very friendly when you are

spending money, but curt when they feel you are wasting their time. Merchants (and even local toughs) can be bargained with, threatened, and so on, and each approach produces different results. This brings a feeling of individuality to your encounters and adds flesh to the body of the game.

Sundog allows you to save up to eight games on a disk and displays the status of each game (suspended, in play, or completed). You may, of course, delete entire games from the disk to begin new adventures. Written in *Apple Pascal 1.1*, the program handles its many sophisticated features quickly and reliably. *Sundog* is a game that can be played over and over again, even after the initial tasks have been solved.

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Enhancements To BASIC For Atari

Tom R. Halfhill, Editor

Requirements: Atari 400/800 with 48K RAM, a disk drive, and Atari BASIC cartridge; or a 1200XL with a disk drive and Atari BASIC cartridge; or a 600XL/800XL with 64K RAM and a disk drive.

Enhancements to BASIC is an impressive utility that provides more than 40 new commands for BASIC programming. It isn't an "extended BASIC"—that is, it doesn't add any special keywords for inclusion in your programs. Rather, it's a tool kit utility that makes programming and debugging easier and more efficient. Best of all, it frees you from worrying about the infamous lockup bug which has haunted Atari BASIC programmers for years.

Before using Enhancements to BASIC, you must follow a 25-step setup procedure carefully described in the manual. First, Enhancements copies your Atari BASIC cartridge (400/800/1200XL) or built-in BASIC (600XL/800XL) into Random Access Memory (RAM). Then it modifies BASIC, adding the new commands and fixing the bug which can unpredictably lock up the Atari during program editing. Finally, Enhancements copies itself onto another disk for future use. From then on, you simply boot up the modified BASIC from this disk, either removing the BASIC cartridge if you have a 400, 800, or 1200XL, or holding down OPTION to disable the built-in BASIC on the 600XL/800XL.

Most of the new features are fairly standard for utilities of this type. There are commands for automatic line-numbering and renumbering, deleting blocks of lines, listing all variables, searching for lines containing a certain variable, globally changing variable names, and sending screen output to a printer. There are disk commands which lessen the need to edit BASIC to DOS: You can call disk directories, rename files, lock and unlock files, delete files, format disks, and run a machine language program at a certain address.

That would be enough for most tool kit utilities. But Enhancements adds some more exotic features. There are commands to restore, rename, and call directories of deleted disk files. Another command protects BASIC programs by making the listings unreadable but executable. You can lock the keyboard to prevent tampering until a personal authorization code is entered. You can change screen margins and the delay period between keys begin repeating. On a 600XL/800XL, you can change the key-

repeat rate and turn the keyboard click on and off. You can display numeric values in decimal or hexadecimal (try renumbering a BASIC program in hex). There are even programmable function keys—for example, pressing CTRL-4 automatically prints LOAD"D: or anything you like.

But perhaps the most powerful enhancement is the tracer/debugger. Most TRON/TROFF (trace on/off) utilities simply display the line numbers being executed as the program runs. Enhancements displays the entire line, and lets you flip back and forth between the scrolling listing and the actual program running simultaneously on an alternate screen. Implementing this feature on a computer with only 48K or 64K of RAM is quite impressive. Memory conflicts sometimes prevent you from tracing very large or complex programs, but nevertheless, the tracer does a remarkable job of handling such memory-juggling challenges as player/missile graphics, custom character sets, and machine language subroutines. You can also disable the tracer to conserve memory.


There are still more features we don't have room to cover, such as a handy help screen. Enhancements is an exceptional product.

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FOR-NEXT Applications

Last month we covered the basics of looping with the FOR-NEXT statement. Now let's take a look at some practical applications of this essential technique.

FOR-NEXT is such a general-purpose structure, it has numerous uses. Here's an example of how you might apply it in part of a checkbook-balancing program that sums the amounts for a month's worth of checks:

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10 PRINT "HOW MANY CHECKS  
THIS MONTH";  
20 INPUT CH  
30 FOR X=1 TO CH  
40 PRINT "AMOUNT OF CHECK";  
50 INPUT AM  
60 SUM=SUM+AM  
70 NEXT X  
80 PRINT "TOTAL AMOUNT IS  
$";SUM
```

Let's take a careful look at this program. Try running it. Line 10 prompts the user to enter the number of checks to be added; line 20 stores the response in the variable CH. Line 30 is a little tricky. It marks the beginning of the loop with a FOR statement as shown in last month's examples, but the number of repetitions specified is a variable, not a number.

The variable, CH, contains the number of checks the user entered in response to the prompt. Therefore, the number of times the FOR-NEXT loop will repeat depends on the user's response. In effect, the program adapts itself to the user's needs. Think of what would happen if you specified the number of loops with a certain number, say 10. If the user has only 7 checks, the program would make too many loops, demanding amounts for 3 checks that were never written. If the user has 23 checks, the program would add only 10 of them together, ignoring the remaining 13.

Line 40 prompts the user to enter the dollar amount of the first check (do not type a dollar sign). Line 50 stores the response in the variable AM. Line 60 creates the variable SUM to keep track of the total and adds AM to SUM (when the first pass through the loop begins, SUM equals 0).

Line 70 marks the end of the loop. It circles back to the FOR statement on line 30. Now the loop begins its second pass. Again, a prompt asks the user to input a check amount. Again, the response is stored in the variable AM (replacing the previous amount for the first check). Again, AM is added to SUM, so SUM now contains the cumulative amounts of the first and second checks. And again, at line 70, NEXT X circles back to line 30 for the third pass.

This continues until the number of loops specified by CH is reached. Then the loop is done and the program proceeds to line 80. The program prints the total amount held in SUM and ends.

This example shows two things: first, the usefulness of FOR-NEXT loops when combined with other techniques, such as INPUT statements; and second, the flexibility of FOR-NEXT loops when modified slightly, such as specifying the number of loops with a variable instead of a particular number.

Speed READING

One of the most common applications of FOR-NEXT loops is to combine them with the READ and DATA statements. (If you aren't familiar with READ-DATA, don't worry; it's a subject for a future column.) By embedding a READ statement within a loop, you can efficiently fill an array with DATA, or POKE numbers for custom character sets or machine language subroutines into memory.

Let's try a simple example. Say you're writing some sort of calendar program that requires the computer to print a column of numbers representing the number of days in each month of the year. Without looping, you could take this approach:

```
10 PRINT "31"  
20 PRINT "28"  
30 PRINT "31"  
40 PRINT "30"  
50 PRINT "31"  
60 PRINT "30"  
70 PRINT "31"  
80 PRINT "31"  
90 PRINT "30"  
100 PRINT "31"  
110 PRINT "30"  
120 PRINT "31"
```

But a FOR-NEXT loop with READ-DATA is much more efficient:

```
10 FOR X=1 TO 12  
20 READ A  
30 PRINT A  
40 NEXT X  
50 DATA 31,28,31,30,31,30,  
31,31,30,31,30,31
```

Line 10 sets up a FOR-NEXT loop with 12 passes (the number of elements in the DATA statement at line 50). Line 20 reads a number from the DATA statement and stores it in the variable A.

Line 30 prints the value of A, which changes after each pass through the loop. During the first pass, A equals 31 (the number of days in January) because 31 is the first DATA element. During the second pass, A equals 28 (the number of days in February) because 28 is the second DATA element. This continues for all 12 passes, concluding when A is assigned the value 31 for the twelfth month, December.

Next month, we'll continue our discussion of FOR-NEXT by showing how to put loops within loops, and even why you might want to create a loop that does *absolutely nothing*. We'll also cover some variations of FOR-NEXT in different versions of BASIC. ☐

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Computers And Society

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Expert Systems And The Mass Market Micro

A few months back I raised the controversial notion that, contrary to the views of the pundits, the home computer industry hadn't died. In fact (and here's where the criticism came), I argued that the true "home" computer market had yet to be born.

My point was that personal computers are unlikely to penetrate much more than 10 percent of American homes until they become as easy to use as much of the other technology we find in our homes. I agree it is silly to expect a personal computer to be as easy to use as a clothes dryer. On the other hand, why should it be any harder to use than a video disc player, especially when the video player contains more complex technology than is found in most personal computers?

Before home computers become commonplace, we must also create home software applications that will allow the computer to advance beyond the stage of being a tool for writing or record-keeping. Imagine sitting at your computer in the middle of the night and engaging in the following dialog with your home computer:

What seems to be the problem?

My child just woke up and says he itches. He has red splotches on his face.

Red splotches can indicate many things. Please call your child's doctor now. If the doctor has to call you back, please continue to answer my questions while you are waiting for the call to be returned. Are the red splotches located on other areas of the body as well?

Yes, there are some small ones on the chest.

Did your child eat any of the following foods in the last eight hours: oranges, strawberries, chocolate?

Yes, we had ham with an orange peel sauce for dinner.

Has your child ever displayed an allergic reaction to orange juice?

[And so on.]

Applying Artificial Intelligence

This hypothetical interaction could help save a family member's life, or at least reduce discomfort. Such programs—which can help solve problems ranging from diagnosing an illness to selecting the correct wine for dinner—are called *expert systems*.

Expert systems are one of the current commercial applications of research in the field of artificial intelligence. Up to this point, most expert systems have been run on fairly large computer systems, and they have been applied to massive computational tasks such as choosing the correct location for offshore oil wells.

Creating an expert system requires close interaction with human experts who are able to express their own decision-making process in terms of rules. Each rule is generally expressed in the form: *IF (conditions are true) THEN (result is likely)*. Many of the more sophisticated expert systems have ways of dealing with imprecise information—assigning likelihoods to various results depending on the certainty with which the conditions are known.

The expert system program contains this set of rules (which can range in number to well over 100). The program also contains another part called an *inference engine*. The inference engine decides which rule to apply to the various information that has been entered, knows when to ask for more information, and infers a result. Once an expert sys-

tem has drawn a conclusion, the user can usually enter a command such as *WHY?*, and the system outlines the various rules and information it used to get its result. Mathematically speaking, such programs can prove themselves.

Ferns Versus Roses

Anyone can probably list several applications for expert systems: home medicine, car problems, plant choices for the garden, choosing the right stereo, and even picking the right computer!

As home computers acquire more memory and disk storage, expert systems will become commonplace. Artificial intelligence languages such as PROLOG and LISP are now being readied for the personal computers many of us already have, so there is no technological reason that expert systems won't become a reality in our country in the next two years.

Consider that in Britain, PROLOG is available on the inexpensive Sinclair Spectrum+ for under \$40. According to Sinclair, this language is selling well, and is being taught to school children who are using it to build their own expert systems. The current interest in teaching database skills in our country is a refreshing step in the right direction.

The birth of the true consumer market for computers (a market in which computers will become as commonplace as televisions) will come very soon. We who have used personal computers since the 1970s and early 1980s will be fondly remembered as the pioneers of the true information revolution.

And, to the extent that we create useful applications for these machines, we may become shapers of the revolution as well. C

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On The Road With Fred D'Ignazio

Bits, Bytes, And Black Sheep

Late last fall I attended the Bits & Bytes Show at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California. Bits & Bytes was the first national computer conference for kids, and I was there to cover it for *COMPUTE!* and for two PBS shows—"The New Tech Times" and "Educational Computing."

The show was a terrific success—especially for children. Thousands of kids came, played with the newest computers and robots, and got a chance to tell the bigwigs of the computer industry what they thought about their products. For example, one little girl, Kimberly Williams, returned from the show and wrote to the conference organizers: "Thank you for inviting my class to the computer show. It taught me and my friends a lot about computers. The computers were very learningful to my brain."

At the show, I gave a presentation on a favorite topic of mine: the ways in which a computer could become a "sandbox" for little children. I also made a few critical remarks about the programming language Logo. I said that although I enjoy programming in Logo, I don't think computer languages are especially appropriate for younger children because the rewards are not commensurate with the amount of effort required. Also, I said that the Logo environment is somewhat artificial, abstract, and not meaningful to a small child.

Angry Reaction

I had made similar remarks at other conferences, so I didn't expect the kind of reaction I got. What a shock! Ten minutes into my talk, people in the front row rose to their feet and furiously denied that anything I had said was true. They were teachers who had been teaching Logo to their classes at school, and they said their experiences had been exactly the opposite of my own.

After listening to their point of view for a few minutes, I asked other members of the audience if they agreed. By the end of the session (which turned into a free-for-all debate), I learned that there are many different points of view about Logo and very few points of universal agreement.

However, my feelings about the Logo controversy were strengthened the other night when I picked up a copy of an excellent Canadian magazine, *Computers in Education*, and read an article by Elias Leousis, a teacher and the founder of the first full-time computer literacy program at the elementary level in the province of Quebec. In the article, entitled "Black Sheep and Logo," Leousis wrote that "Logomania" is starting to become a cult. Leousis himself uses Logo to teach programming skills, but he worries about the absurd claims made by some of Logo's admirers. "As a result of such claims," he wrote, "disillusioned educators, having followed the 'Logo route,' may cause an anti-computer backlash, destroying all advances made in the area of introducing computer literacy in the education field."

People Inside The Machine

A few years ago, I wrote a book introducing computers to children. I interviewed dozens of computer pioneers, including J. Presper Eckert, who along with John W. Mauchley invented the ENIAC, the granddaddy of today's electronic digital computers.

I wanted to call the book *The People Inside The Machine* because I concentrated on the inventors and the excitement and joy they had received from working on computers. The book showed youngsters how real people with hopes, dreams, and frailties had built computers, step by step, over many, many years. By showing the people inside the ma-

chine, I hoped to encourage young readers to see a reflection of themselves inside machines of the future. The book's message was that inventions like the computer may require a dash of genius, but even more important are hard work, a playful imagination, devotion, and stubborn, mulelike persistence in following through with your own ideas and magnificent obsessions.

As it turned out, the book was retitled *Messner's Introduction to the Computer* (Simon & Schuster, 1983), but it's still oriented to young people. If you're a grownup who wants to read about the people inside the machine, I recommend Tom Mahon's new book, *Charged Bodies: People, Power, and Politics in Silicon Valley* (NAL, paperback, 1985). Mahon's account is one of the most honest, eloquent, and fascinating books I've read in a long time. You learn about computer technology—the semi-conductors, microchips, operating systems, and Winchester disks—but Mahon weaves the technology into the lives of the industry's famous and obscure pioneers, and has made what could have been a dry history of computers into a very interesting story.

Mahon doesn't pull any punches, either. He devotes equal attention to the dark side of computers as well as the light side. And he does it all in a vivid style reminiscent of Tracy Kidder's Pulitzer Prize-winning *Soul of a New Machine* (Little, Brown, 1981).

This book is an excellent primer on computer technology and the computer industry, and it will make a good computer literacy text for high school and college introductory courses on computers. **C**

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TELECOMPUTING TODAY

Arian R. Levitan

Inside XMODEM

Last month we covered the basics of uploading and downloading and how the *XMODEM* protocol developed into a system for reliably transferring files over phone lines. Now let's take a look inside XMODEM to see how it works.

XMODEM requires certain communications settings (eight data bits, no parity, one stop bit). Some terminal programs set these parameters automatically during XMODEM transfers. Others require you to set them manually.

XMODEM transfers files by sending and receiving them in blocks. Each block consists of five elements: a special character that marks the beginning of the block (called a *start of header* character); a number which identifies the sequence number of the block (incremented by one for each block sent); a number which insures the block number is correct; a 128-byte chunk of the file being transferred (the file is chopped up on the sending end and reassembled on the receiving end); and a number to verify that the 128-byte chunk of data received is the same as was sent. This number is called a *checksum*. It is the sum of the hexadecimal values of all 128 characters.

Downloading

After notifying the remote system that you want to download a certain file with XMODEM, the other system prepares the file for transmission and then waits for your signal that things are ready to begin. When you instruct your terminal program to begin the transfer, it sends an acknowledgment signal consisting of a single character called an ACK. The first ACK means "ready for next block."

The remote system then sends a block to your computer. Your terminal software looks for the start of header character, then checks the block number for both validity and proper sequence. Next it examines

the 128 bytes of data and calculates a checksum. It compares this to the checksum actually sent by the remote system; if both are the same, it assumes the data was transmitted without errors.

As each block is successfully received, another ACK is sent. If an error is detected or the next block is not transmitted after a certain amount of time, your terminal program sends a character referred to as a NAK (negative acknowledgment). A NAK means, "I think we had a problem with the last block; please resend it." The transfer is aborted if a single block must be resent more than an agreed-upon number of times (usually ten). When the transfer is complete, the remote system sends a signal called *EOT* (end of transmission).

Nonstandard Protocols

Although the original standards for XMODEM file transfers are well established, not all terminal programs that advertise XMODEM capability actually conform to the standard. Here is an example of what can happen (the names have been changed to protect the innocent):

The Bitblaster computer has been available for about a year. Some kindly soul, intent upon putting far-flung Bitblaster owners in touch with each other, writes a bulletin board program for the new machine. Since he wants to encourage people to share programs for the Bitblaster, he includes an XMODEM feature. His friend writes a public domain terminal program with XMODEM capability and starts passing it around.

What they don't know is that their implementation of XMODEM was not strictly by the book. But since the terminal program and BBS work fine together, no one notices. The number of Bitblaster BBS systems rapidly multiplies, and there are thousands of copies of the free terminal program in use.

However, when Bitblaster owners start using the terminal program on other systems, they discover—much to their chagrin—that the good ol' XMODEM feature doesn't work too well on non-Bitblaster BBSs. When something like this happens, it can take years for everyone to agree on a common fix for the problem. Even commercial telecomputing packages are written by normal people, perfectly capable of making such mistakes.

Other Problems

Commercial information services are not well suited to XMODEM transfers. The protocol was developed for microcomputer-based BBSs which handle only one user at a time and can therefore devote all of their attention to the transfer. On a commercial service, hundreds of users may be logged on simultaneously, and the mainframe computer gives each user only a certain amount of attention for a certain time period.

The only way to make XMODEM work on the information services was to relax the timing standards. However, this severely limits the ability to recover from bad blocks and out-of-sync acknowledgment signals.

Although errors are relatively rare, many terminal programs and information services offer their own transfer methods in addition to (or instead of) XMODEM. There's only one hitch—often this means both computers involved in the transfer must be running the same terminal program, or in the case of information services, a terminal program written and sold by the service for your particular system.

Next month, as promised earlier, I'll show you how to save money when sending E-mail by composing your messages offline and then uploading them to the host computer. Until then, BCNU. ☐

IBM Personal Computing

Donald B. Trivette

Escaping On A LaserJet



This Hewlett-Packard LaserJet printer is shown hooked up to an HP 150 computer, but it also works with the IBM PC and compatibles.

I got a letter last month from my friend who has a covey of computers in his spare bedroom. Five at last count! We've had a friendly rivalry going for years. I bought a pocket calculator, and he bought an Apple III. I got an IBM PC first, but he got a bigger one—the XT. I bought a PCjr, so he got a PCjr and, a few months later, the PC AT. Now he sends me this letter: "This is the first letter ever written with my Apple ImageWriter and Macintosh computer...it sure is fun to play with the font sizes and styles and formats..."

The font he was experimenting with looked like a cross between stencil letters and something a monk in the Middle Ages might have laboriously drawn with a quill—right justified, of course. Having run out of IBM equipment to one-up me with, he has switched to Apple. The letter isn't easy to read, but it is flashy. I thought about going to the Apple store and trying out a Macintosh long enough to answer his letter, but I needed something better than that—something better than IBM or Apple.

A Printer Or Copier?

It was about this time that Hewlett-Packard called to say they had a LaserJet printer for me to evaluate. Although it arrived at the airport, the LaserJet looked more like an office copying machine than an airplane. And for good reason—that's mostly what it is. The data from the computer is etched on a drum by a

laser, and then transferred—one page at a time, eight pages per minute—from the drum to the paper. There's a tray for blank paper, a cartridge for toner, and a manual to show you how to fix a paper jam. Anyone who has used a copying machine will feel right at home with the LaserJet.

Connection was easy. I unplugged my Hayes modem and plugged the LaserJet cable into the modem cable. Typing two DOS commands told the PC to forget my parallel printer and talk instead to the LaserJet, which is a serial printer.

Using the LaserJet takes a little getting used to. You send something to the printer and nothing happens—at least, it doesn't look or sound like anything is happening. There's virtually no noise except for a quiet fan. And nothing immediately pops out. The printer etches the text on the drum and then waits for the page to fill up before transferring the data to paper. If you want to print a partial page, you press the form feed button. Once you've mastered the idea that printing and noise are not related, the LaserJet operates much like any other printer. (In fact, it's so much fun that I lasered a whole ream of paper playing with it.)

The print quality is superb. Although the characters are formed with tiny dots, like a dot-matrix printer, the 300 × 300 dots-per-inch resolution is so fine that you need a magnifying glass to prove how it was done. The quality of the print is

A sample printout made with the LaserJet.

Hi David --

I got your letter and was surprised to hear that you bought a Macintosh. The ImageWriter does a fancy job of printing even if it is a little difficult to read.¹

¹ Personally, I've found this 8-point type very useful for footnotes. Does the ImageWriter support anything like this?

better than that of my NEC 3550 printer, which has fully formed characters and uses a film ribbon. But in a duel of one-upmanship, quality isn't enough. You've got to have sizzle. The Hewlett-Packard LaserJet has plenty of sizzle.

Custom Printing

Different type styles (fonts) are available by plugging a Read Only Memory (ROM) cartridge into the front of the printer. Each cartridge—about the same size and shape as the old eight-track audio tapes—can store up to 16 fonts, although the one I used had only eight. To select a font, you simply send a special character sequence (called an escape sequence) to the printer.

The LaserJet is more powerful than most printers, so the escape sequences are somewhat longer and more complicated. For example, to enable bold printing, the sequence on my NEC 3550 is `escF` (where `esc` represents the escape character, ASCII 27). On the LaserJet, the equivalent command is `esc@10esc@Uesc` (`s1p10e0s1b5T`).

The LaserJet is a relative bargain at \$3,495, considering its power and new technology, but only if you can easily take advantage of all its features without having to resort to these huge escape sequences. Fortunately, some programs are appearing which relieve you of this burden. The *VolksWriter Deluxe*, Version 2.1 word processor has a printer driver especially designed for the Hewlett-Packard LaserJet printer that does a splendid job.

The accompanying figure shows part of the letter I sent to my friend to demonstrate some of the nice things the LaserJet with *VolksWriter Deluxe* can do. I didn't mention to him that the printer had to be returned to Hewlett-Packard at the end of the month. Since I haven't yet received a reply, I expect he's measuring his spare bedroom for a mainframe.

Analyzing The BASIC Bug

Last month I showed some ways to minimize the problems caused by the bugs in revision B Atari BASIC (the built-in BASIC in the 600XL and 800XL). But many of you are curious about exactly *why* these bugs happen, and what effect they can have on your programs.

Let me begin by telling what did *not* cause the error. Rev B BASIC has a peculiar problem: Each time you LOAD (or CLOAD or RUN "filename") a program, rev B adds 16 bytes to the size of your program. If you then save the program, the next time you load it in it grows by *another* 16 bytes, and so on.

Now believe it or else, these additional 16 bytes were put in deliberately. It seems that there is a minor, undocumented bug in the Atari 5 (graphics screen) driver. Under some circumstances, it will use a few bytes below MEMHI (contents of locations \$2E5-\$2E6, 741-742 decimal). So, if you have a program which extends right to the very top of memory, you can wipe out a little bit of the runtime stack where GOSUBs and FORs are remembered. Somebody at the old Atari apparently had the bright idea that if BASIC told you that memory was full when your program got within 16 bytes of MEMHI, the screen/BASIC conflict could be avoided.

A Fix Gone Sour

Pretty good idea. Except for a few problems. First, BASIC doesn't save the string/array space of the runtime stack; both are created when a program is run. So the nice fact that the saved file is guaranteed to have 16 bytes of space left is negated as soon as you DIMension a string or an array or use a GOSUB or FOR. Second, the 16 bytes are added to all of BASIC's size pointers before the comparison with MEMHI is made. Good. But the newly increased value is then stored as the new pointer value. That effectively moves the

program upward in memory by 16 bytes, meaning that the desired 16 bytes of free space aren't there anyway!

Well, the point of this digression is twofold: (1) This is yet another reason to use LIST and ENTER with rev B BASIC, since ENTERing a program does *not* trigger this silly 16-byte bug. (2) Several people wrote and suggested that this 16-byte bug is what causes the infamous keyboard lockup bug. Sorry, folks.

Last month, I mentioned the detailed explanation of the rev A Atari BASIC lockup bug which is to be found in COMPUTE!'s *Atari BASIC Source Book*. Well, apparently somebody at Atari read the book. Or maybe they just noticed that my company had fixed the lockup bug in one of the three or four revised versions of BASIC that we did for Atari back in 1979 (yes, that's 1979). It turns out that the lockup resulted from two missing instructions (and a total of two bytes) within the routine which "contracts" memory. (We say "contracts" because it is used when you delete a program line, so the program is contracted in size.)

Then that same somebody looked at the "expand" routine and saw almost identical code. "Aha!" they say, "Methinks there is a bug here which just hasn't been discovered yet!"

If It Ain't Broken . . .

But they were wrong. The reason the bug appeared in the contract routine is because that routine was written *after* the expand routine and copied its pattern too closely. So our unknown someone at Atari blindly added code to the healthy expand routine and introduced a very nasty new bug. In fact, because this bug appears when you add lines to an existing program, it is probably more likely to occur than the original rev A bug!

To see a demonstration of the bug, enter the following statements in direct mode (without line numbers):

```
DIM A$(249)
A$="ANY STRING YOU LIKE"
PRINT A$
PRINT A$
PRINT A$
```

The last two statements won't print A\$ properly in either rev A or rev B Atari BASIC—in fact, they'll mess it up two different ways. Cute, eh? The problem is that tacking that comma on the end of the PRINT statement moves the string/array space (and thus A\$) by one byte. Except it doesn't, really, so the variable value table address of A\$ points to the wrong place in memory! Imagine your program being destroyed in a similar way. Is it any wonder you experience keyboard lockup and scrambled listings?

What former Atari employee did I bribe to get all this information about the bugs in rev B BASIC? Did I get the listing on a microdot hidden in a pack of blank disks? Sorry to disappoint you, but I did what any other hacker would do: I dragged out my trusty machine language debugger and carefully disassembled certain portions of rev B BASIC.

Finally, here's how the two bugs we have discussed were fixed in rev C BASIC, which is built into the new XE series computers (and also is available for older Ataris on cartridge at nominal cost—see last month's column). Since both bugs were caused by adding things to code which worked before, you would think that Atari could simply take the "fixes" back out. Nope. Instead, they patched over the extraneous instructions with what are effectively NOP (NO operation) instructions. Tacky? Well, I've certainly done it to DOS here in this column enough times, so who am I to say? ©

Multiple Choice Test

I've seen a number of computer programs written for multiple choice tests. The computer is an ideal way to administer such tests because it can mix up the test questions so each run is different. However, all the programs I have seen always print the choices in the same order. This month's program is a general-purpose multiple choice tester that randomly arranges both the questions (without repetition) and the possible answers.

This program can be used for questions on any topic. Computer literacy questions are included here for an example.

The questions and answers are in DATA statements. Each DATA statement contains six items. The first item is the question; the next four are the possible answers; and the last item is the number of the correct answer. The final DATA statement signals the end of the question list:

```
1350 DATA ZZZ,Z,Z,Z,Z,Z,Z
```

You may use any number of possible questions that will fit in the computer's memory. Line 190 is a DIMension statement that allows for 30 possible questions. To increase the number of questions, change all the 30s in line 190.

Reading The Data

Line 160 defines the number of questions in the test, and line 300 performs the procedure for the specified number of questions. If you want to alter this number, change the 20 in these two lines plus the printed score in line 690. Also make sure you have as many or more questions and answers in the DATA statements as you want in the test.

The variable I is used as a counter for the questions. Questions read from the DATA statements are

stored in the string variable T\$, the four possible answers are stored in A\$, and the number of the correct answer is stored in B. These values are in arrays to keep the answers with the corresponding questions.

As the information is being read in, S\$(I) is set equal to A for use as a signal so questions won't be repeated during the quiz. When a question X is printed, S\$(X) is set equal to "" (null). Line 320 chooses a random number X, but if S\$(X) is null, the question has previously been used and a different X must be chosen. Line 350 prints the question.

Lines 370-390 define C() for the four answers to mix up the order in which the answers are printed. Line 400 randomly chooses D for the correct answer. The C variable for the correct answer is set to zero so it cannot be used in another position. Lines 430-490 mix up the order of the answers, making sure the correct answer is in the right position and each answer is used only once. Lines 500-530 print the four answers with the possible choices A, B, C, and D.

Lines 540-580 receive the student's answer, making sure it is a letter from A to D, and then print the choice. Line 590 checks to see if the key pressed is the correct choice. Line 600 prints the message for an incorrect answer, then prints the correct answer. Line 620 prints CORRECT for a correct answer, and line 630 increments the score, SC. Lines 640-670 wait for the student to press ENTER before going to the next question.

Lines 680-700 clear the screen, then print the score.

To customize the test, simply change the questions and answers in the DATA statements, making sure you have enough questions for a complete quiz and that the last

DATA statement contains ZZZ to signal the end. You might also prefer a fancier title screen.

Here is an example of changing the DATA statements. Suppose your question is "In which year did Columbus discover America?" with the possible answers 1256, 1492, 1776, and 1812. The correct answer is in the second position. The DATA statement would look like this:

```
720 DATA IN WHICH YEAR DID  
COLUMBUS DISCOVER AMERICA?  
730 DATA 1256,1492,1776,1812
```

If you want to save typing effort, you can obtain a copy of this program by sending a cassette or disk, a stamped, self-addressed mailer, and \$3 to:

C. Regena
P.O. Box 1502
Cedar City, UT 84720

Please be sure to specify the name of the program and that you need the TI version.

Multiple Choice Test

```
100 REM MULTIPLE CHOICE TE  
ST(5 SPACES)  
110 CALL CLEAR  
120 PRINT "*****"  
130 PRINT "X MULTIPLE CHOI  
CE TEST S"  
140 PRINT "*****"  
150 PRINT ":::::  
160 PRINT "TEST OF 20 QUEST  
IONS"  
170 PRINT "PRESS LETTER O  
F CORRECT"  
180 PRINT "ANSWER FOR EACH  
QUESTION."  
190 DIM T$(30), A$(30,4), B(3  
0), S$(30), AA$(4)  
200 I=1  
210 READ T$(I), A$(I,1), A$(I  
,2), A$(I,3), A$(I,4), B(I  
)  
220 IF T$(I)="ZZZ" THEN 260  
230 S$(I)="A"  
240 I=I+1  
250 GOTO 210  
260 I=I-1  
270 PRINT "PRESS <ENTER>  
TO START."
```

```

200 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
210 IF K<>13 THEN 200
300 FOR P=1 TO 20
310 RANDOMIZE
320 X=INT(1#RND)+1
330 IF S$(X)="" THEN 320
340 CALL CLEAR
350 PRINT T$(X):
360 S$(X)=""
370 FOR J=1 TO 4
380 C(J)=1
390 NEXT J
400 Q=INT(4#RND)+1
410 A$(Q)=A$(X,B(X))
420 C(B(X))=0
430 FOR J=1 TO 4
440 IF J=Q THEN 490
450 E=INT(4#RND)+1
460 IF C(E)=0 THEN 450
470 A$(J)=A$(X,E)
480 C(E)=0
490 NEXT J
500 FOR J=1 TO 4
510 PRINT CHR$(64+J);". ";A$(J)
520 NEXT J
530 PRINT :
540 CALL SOUND(100,1497,2)
550 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
560 IF K<>13 THEN 560
570 CALL MCHAR(23,3,K)
580 PRINT
590 IF K=64+0 THEN 620
600 PRINT "NO, THE ANSWER IS ";CHR$(64+0);". "
610 GOTO 640
620 PRINT "CORRECT"
630 SC=SC+1
640 PRINT "PRESS <ENTER>."
650 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
660 IF K<>13 THEN 650
670 NEXT P
680 CALL CLEAR
690 PRINT "OUT OF 20 QUESTIONS."
700 PRINT "YOUR SCORE IS ";SC:
710 GOTO 1360
720 DATA ONE OF THE MAJOR ATTRACTIONS OF A COMPUTER IS THAT IT
730 DATA HAS ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT, IS EXPENSIVE, IS A STATUS SYMBOL.
740 DATA ALLOWS UNINVOLVEMENT.
750 DATA A VIDEO GAME IS BEST(8 SPACES) DESCRIBED AS A(N)
760 DATA EXPENSIVE TOY, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMPUTER, HOME COMPUTER, EDUCATIONAL TOY.
770 DATA THE COMPUTER OWES ITS(7 SPACES) FLEXIBILITY TO THE FACT THAT IT
780 DATA SMALL, COMPLICATED, PROGRAMMABLE, AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE.
790 DATA "BECAUSE A COMPUTER IS(7 SPACES) PROGRAMMABLE,"
800 DATA IT CAN BE USED TO PERFORM(3 SPACES) ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF(4 SPACES) FUNCTIONS.
810 DATA IT CANNOT BE USED FOR(7 SPACES) EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.
820 DATA IT CANNOT BE USED FOR(7 SPACES) ENTERTAINMENT.
830 DATA IT CAN BECOME A SERIAL(5 SPACES) PURPOSE TOOL.
840 DATA THE MAIN ADVANTAGE OF A(5 SPACES) COMPUTER AS OPPOSED TO(6 SPACES) OTHER CALCULATING DEVICES(3 SPACES) IS ITS
850 DATA COST, SIZE, PORTABILITY, PROGRAMMABLE NATURE.
860 DATA BOOKS AND MANUALS THAT(6 SPACES) ACCOMPANY A COMPUTER-RELATED PRODUCT ARE
870 DATA SOFTWARE, DOCUMENTATION, DATA, COMPUTATION FORMS.
880 DATA VISUAL IS BEST DESCRIBED AS A(N)
890 DATA TUTORIAL PROGRAM, ELECTRONIC SPREADSHEET.
900 DATA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM.
910 DATA ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ARE(4 SPACES) PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES EXCEPT
920 DATA BASIC, PASCAL, VISUAL, LOGO.
930 DATA ONE OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS IN ACQUIRING COMPUTER LITERACY IS
940 DATA PEOPLE NEED TO BE SKILLED(3 SPACES) IN MATHEMATICS TO USE(7 SPACES) COMPUTERS.
950 DATA THE COMPUTER IS A VERY(6 SPACES) COMPLICATED MACHINE.
960 DATA THE FIELD HAS ITS OWN(7 SPACES) LEXICON OR LANGUAGE.
970 DATA PEOPLE NEED A BACKGROUND(4 SPACES) IN LOGIC AND STATISTICS.
980 DATA THE PARTS OF A COMPUTER ARE ARRANGED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO FORM A(N)
990 DATA SYSTEM, MACHINE, SUBSYSTEM, ORGANIZATION.
1000 DATA THE PROCESSING OF DATA IN A COMPUTER BY STEPS RESULTS IN THE GENERATION OF
1010 DATA A PROGRAM, READOUTS, INFORMATION, STATISTICS.
1020 DATA "BASICALLY, A COMPUTER IS(4 SPACES) INTENDED TO PRODUCE"
1030 DATA INFORMATION, DATA, STATISTICS, PROGRAMS.
1040 DATA THE BASIC FUNCTION OF A(5 SPACES) COMPUTER IS TO TRANSFORM
1050 DATA PROGRAMS INTO DATA.
1060 DATA DATA INTO PROGRAMS.
1070 DATA INFORMATION INTO DATA.
1080 DATA DATA INTO INFORMATION.
1090 DATA "BY USING A ---- ONE MAY CONNECT A COMPUTER TO THE(3 SPACES) TELEPHONE TO PERMIT COMPUTER CONFERENCING."
1100 DATA ADAPTER, CONNECTOR, CONFERENCE LINK, MODEM.
1110 DATA INTANGIBILITY IS A MAJOR(4 SPACES) CHARACTERISTIC OF
1120 DATA SOFTWARE, THE COMPUTER, HARDWARE, MAGNETIC DISKS.
1130 DATA THE USE TO WHICH A COMPUTER IS PUT IS CALLED A(N)
1140 DATA PROGRAM, ROUTINE, APPLICATION, FUNCTION.
1150 DATA INSIDE THE COMPUTER(7 SPACES) INFORMATION IS REPRESENTED BY
1160 DATA PUNCHED CARDS, ELECTRONIC SIGNALS, MAGNETIC TAPE, MAGNETIC DISKS.
1170 DATA THE ON/OFF PATTERN THAT IS USED IN THE COMPUTER IS THE BASIS OF THE
1180 DATA CIRCUIT CODE, BINARY CODE, BINOMIAL CODE, BINARY CODE.
1190 DATA "WITH TELECOMMUNICATIONS(9 SPACES) INFORMATION IS MOST COMMONLY TRANSMITTED BETWEEN(9 SPACES) TERMINALS"
1200 DATA BY RADIO, OVER TELEPHONE WIRE.
1210 DATA VIA SATELLITE, BY TELEVISION.
1220 DATA A COMPUTER PROGRAM IS AN(4 SPACES) EXAMPLE OF
1230 DATA HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, FIRMWARE, FLEXWARE.
1240 DATA THE FIRST ELECTRONIC(8 SPACES) COMPUTER WAS
1250 DATA ENIAC, ENIO, IBM MARK I, IBM CYBERNAUGH T.
1260 DATA THE COMPUTER IS INSTRUCTED OR TOLD WHAT TO DO BY
1270 DATA HARDWARE, FIRMWARE, SOFTWARE, SMARTWARE.
1280 DATA THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN PURCHASING A COMPUTER IS
1290 DATA RELATIVE COST, AVAILABLE SOFTWARE, AVAILABLE HARDWARE, AVAILABLE FIRMWARE.
1300 DATA WHICH IS THE MOST COMMON(4 SPACES) TYPE OF SECONDARY STORAGE(3 SPACES) CURRENTLY USED IN PERSONAL COMPUTERS?
1310 DATA FLOPPY DISKS, BUFFER MEMORY, ELECTRIC CONDUCTORS, TUNNEL JUNCTION MEMORY.
1320 DATA RAM IS USED AS A MEASURE OF
1330 DATA PRIMARY STORAGE CAPACITY, PROCESSING POWER.
1340 DATA PROCESSING SPEED, WORD LENGTH.
1350 DATA 222, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2
1360 END

```

Housepainter Inverted Video On The Commodore 64

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By fooling the eye with reverse characters, you can make a single-colored object appear to pass over a multi-colored background—without sprites or machine language. The technique can also be adapted to the VIC-20, Plus/4, and 16.

If you've ever played around with video effects on the Commodore 64, you know that ordinary video involves one background color and a choice of printing colors. In other words, you can print green, red, and yellow on a white background, but you can't go the other way and print, say, white on a multicolored background. However, you can use an easy trick to get the same effect.

Here's the objective: Assume you want to move an object over a multicolored background. Maybe it's a small black bug flying over terrain which is green (grass), blue (water), and white (ice). You don't want the bug to change color as it passes these areas; it must stay black. Yet the 64 seems to be set up to work the opposite way. The foreground color may change from one character cell to another, but the background must be one solid color across the whole screen.

There are many special features you could use to get around this problem, of course. Extended color mode allows you a choice of backgrounds; it's attractive for many uses and too little used by most programmers. Sprites may be placed anywhere on the screen over existing character patterns, giving a color-over-color effect. You could even use a split-screen technique to create multiple backgrounds.

But you can also achieve the

effect without resorting to special features. To invert the screen effects, we must invert our thinking.

Holes In The Sky

When I was a small child, I used to think that stars were tiny holes in a black curtain that covered the night sky. In other words, they were points of light shining through. I couldn't tell the difference between a white light source set against a black background and a white background shining through gaps in a black foreground.

That's the technique we'll use here. Since the 64 has one background color and a choice of many foreground colors, let's flip them over to create one "foreground" color against a mixture of many "background" colors. We'll have to work in reverse characters to switch background and foreground, but that's no hardship.

Let's try a simple example program which moves a white letter A over a multicolored background:

```
100 PRINT CHR$(144);CHR$(147)
110 POKE 53281,1
```

This clears the screen (147) and sets the colors—background to white (53281) and cursor to black (144).

```
120 FOR J=0 TO 39
130 POKE 1024+J,160
140 POKE 55296+J,RND(1)*14+2
150 NEXT J
```

This POKes reverse spaces (160) into the top line of screen memory, and puts random colors into color memory beginning at 55296. Note that we need reverse space characters. Ordinary spaces would show the background color only, but the reversed ones show the random foreground colors. These colors will

seem to be background, because they won't change.

```
160 FOR J=0 TO 38
170 POKE 1024+J,160
180 POKE 1025+J,129
190 FOR K=1 TO 100
200 NEXT K,J
```

These final lines move the white letter A from left to right across the top of the screen. The screen code for A is a value of 1, but the program adds 128 to get a value of 129 for a reverse A. As the A moves to its new position, it is erased from its old spot by POKing a reverse space there (160).

An Optical Illusion

We know the program moves a reverse A along the top line of the screen. And we know that each character is a different, random, color as we print it. But when we enter RUN and watch the program work, we see a white A moving across the top. Why? Because we're really seeing the white background color "peeking through" the reversed foreground. The optical illusion is complete: A single foreground color seems to be moving across a multicolored background.

Let's use this principle in a short program called "Housepainter." It's part game, part puzzle, and part coordination exercise. You have five minutes to paint the house, using the four special function keys to move the brush. You are not allowed to paint over any area twice, so be careful and plan your work. By the way, it is possible to succeed, although you may have a lot of trouble at first.

The program is entirely in BASIC, which accounts for the delay

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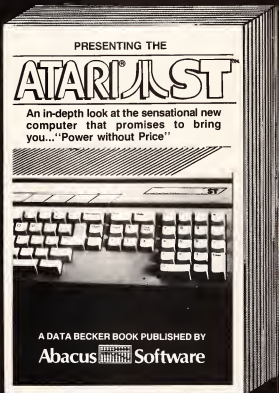
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as it sets up the screen. The house is drawn with several rectangles defined in DATA statements. Note that the characters showing the time in the upper left of the screen seem normal, but are really in reverse video. The white is the background color peeking through. Similarly, the white paint itself and the circular brush are really background colors. That's how the white brush can move inside a red shed and across a yellow house: It's inverted video.

Housepainter

Please refer to "COMPUTE's Guide to Typing in Programs" before entering this listing

```
100 PRINT "[CLR][DOWN]HOUSEPAI
NTER[2 SPACES]-(2 SPACES)J
IM BUTTERFIELD" :rem 28
110 PRINT "[3 SPACES]TRY TO PA
INT THE HOUSE USING THE
:rem 43
120 PRINT "FUNCTION KEYS TO MO
VE THE BRUSH." :rem 81
130 PRINT "[3 SPACES]YOU'RE NO
T ALLOWED TO PAINT OVER
:rem 82
140 PRINT "AN AREA ... SO DON'
T PAINT YOURSELF :rem 105
150 PRINT "INTO A CORNER.
:rem 183
```

```
160 PRINT "[3 SPACES]YOU HAVE
[SPACE]FIVE MINUTES.
[2 SPACES]LEAVE THE:rem 58
170 PRINT "PAINT BRUSH IN THE
[SPACE]RED SHED WHEN
:rem 248
180 PRINT "YOU'RE FINISHED.
[2 SPACES]PRESS ANY KEY TO
GO." :rem 64
190 FOR J=1 TO 104:GET X$:IF X
$="** THEN NEXT J :rem 154
200 DATA 3,8,24,8,39 :rem 193
210 DATA 7,10,20,10,30 :rem 27
220 DATA 7,8,9,15,18 :rem 213
230 DATA 3,15,17,13,15 :rem 42
240 DATA 3,16,18,25,27 :rem 51
250 DATA 3,17,20,19,21 :rem 43
260 DATA 2,18,20,31,33 :rem 41
270 DATA -1 :rem 17
300 PRINT CHR$(159);CHR$(147);
"WAIT";CHR$(142);CHR$(8):P
OKE 53281,1 :rem 160
310 C0=55296:50=1024 :rem 16
320 REM :rem 121
330 READ C:IF C<0 GOTO 400
:rem 58
340 READ V1,V2,H1,H2 :rem 57
350 FOR J=V1*40 TO V2*40 STEP
[SPACE]40 :rem 116
360 FOR X=C0+J+H1 TO C0+J+H2
:rem 209
370 POKE X,C :rem 144
380 NEXT X,J :rem 168
390 GOTO 330 :rem 107
400 FOR J=50+4 TO 50+999:POKE
[SPACE]J,160:NEXT J :rem 25
410 FOR J=C0 TO C0+999 :rem 98
420 IF (PEEK(J)AND15)=7 THEN N
=N+1 :rem 71
```

```
430 NEXT J :rem 32
440 TIS="000000" :rem 250
450 V=19:H=32 :rem 186
460 POKE V0*40+H0+50,160
:rem 241
470 POKE V*40+H+50,209 :rem 150
480 V0=V:H0=H :rem 236
490 PRINT CHR$(19);CHR$(18);T
IS :rem 216
500 IF TIS="000499" GOTO 680
:rem 116
510 K=PEEK(203) :rem 41
520 GET K$:K1=ASC(K$+CHR$(0))
:rem 29
530 IF K1=133 THEN V1=1
:rem 200
540 IF K1=134 THEN H1=1
:rem 188
550 IF K1=135 THEN H1=1
:rem 145
560 IF K1=136 THEN V1=1
:rem 161
570 IF K1=64 GOTO 590 :rem 243
580 V1=0:H1=0 :rem 177
590 V=V0+V1:H=H0+H1 :rem 68
600 P=C0+V*40+H1:P=P9 GOTO 4
90 :rem 205
610 C=PEEK(P)AND15 :rem 22
620 IF C<7 AND C<2 GOTO 490
:rem 179
630 IF C=7 THEN POKE P,1:N=N
-1 :rem 205
640 P9=P:C9=C :rem 230
650 IF C<2 OR N>8 GOTO 460
:rem 73
660 PRINT "WINNER!" :rem 97
670 END :rem 116
680 PRINT "YOU MISSED";STR$(N
);" SQUARES" :rem 203
```



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BASIC File Editor For Commodore

Henry A. Doenlen

Edit ASCII files in the form of numbered BASIC lines with this short utility for the Commodore 64 and VIC-20.

One of the best features of any Commodore computer is its BASIC line editor. By using the insert, delete, and cursor control keys, you can easily move the cursor anywhere on the screen and edit a BASIC program without having to retype entire lines.

Unfortunately, ASCII data files—files of characters such as those produced by many word processor or database management programs—are not so easy to edit. To change one data item in a file, you must either rerun the program that produced the file, or write another program that reads the file, makes the change you want, and writes the file back to disk or tape. Both options are time-consuming.

Disguising ASCII As BASIC

Although the Commodore BASIC editor is not designed to edit such files, you can make it do the job with a simple trick: Disguise the ASCII data as a collection of BASIC lines by adding line numbers and quotation marks. For example, enter this line:

```
10 "TM REALLY ASCII DATA"
```

You can't execute this line in a program, of course, without getting an error. But the BASIC editor can handle it with ease, letting you add or delete characters, change the line number, or relist the line. "BASIC File Editor" uses this trick to let you edit ASCII files, adding artificial line numbers and quotation marks when it loads a file into memory, and deleting them when the file is resaved.

Type in BASIC File Editor and save it. If you are using a Commodore 64 or VIC-20 with a disk drive, enter the program exactly as it is listed. Tape users should omit lines

5, 220, and 360-387, change the 42 in line 350 to 35, and change the following lines as shown:

```
110 PRINT"[DOWN]LOAD FILE":INF
    UTF$      :rem 232
120 CLOSE1:OPEN1,1,0,F$:rem 38
230 CLOSE1:OPEN1,1,1,F$:rem 41
```

Before editing an important file, you may want to practice on a test file. This five-line program makes a test file for you (tape users should change the 8 in line 10 to a 1):

```
10 OPEN1,0,1,"00:ASCTEST,P,W"
20 PRINT#1,"THIS PROGRAM MAKES
  "
30 PRINT#1,"ASCII DATA LOOK"
40 PRINT#1,"LIKE BASIC LINES."
50 CLOSE1
```

After making the test file, load and run BASIC File Editor. The menu offers four options: You can press L to load a file, S to save a file, C to clear data from memory, or E to list your data and exit the program. To load the test file, press L, then type ASCTEST when prompted for the filename. (Disk users should then enter P to indicate that ASCTEST is stored as a program file, as indicated by the P in line 10.) After the main menu reappears, press E to list the data and return to immediate mode.

Editing Your Data

As you can see, the ASCTEST data is spliced onto the end of BASIC File Editor in the form of numbered program lines. The data lines can be edited like any other BASIC lines. Try making some changes. To add new data at the end of the file, enter new lines with higher line numbers. Use intermediate line numbers to insert new data between existing lines. Don't forget that the data in each line must be enclosed in quotation marks.

When you're done editing, enter RUN to reenter the File Editor program and press S to resave the

file. Again you'll be prompted to enter a filename. If you are using a disk drive, do not use the same filename (ASCSTEST) unless you want the revised file to replace the original file. If you use a different filename, a new file is created. Of course, if you are using tape you must also be careful to rewind the cassette if you want the old file erased, or be careful not to overwrite the old copy if you want it preserved.

Now press C to clear the data area, and L to load your new file. After it loads, press E to verify that the changes were successful. If you had not pressed C, the new file would have been appended to the data already in memory. This makes it easy to append one file to another.

You should avoid using RUN/STOP or RUN/STOP-RESTORE to break out of the program. Always edit by pressing E at the menu, or important memory pointers will be left scrambled. If you do break out, rerun the program, then do a load followed by a clear before attempting any further editing.

When A Program Isn't A Program

For tape users, there's only one simple way to store ASCII data: as a tape data file. Hence, the tape version of the File Editor program works only with such files. However, disk users have greater flexibility in choosing a file type.

The most common format for character data storage on disk is the sequential file. Such files are easy to create: Simply OPEN 1,8,1, "filename, S,W" (the final S,W indicates that the file called filename is to be a Sequential file open for Writing). Then use PRINT#1 to write the desired data to the file and CLOSE 1 when finished. Such files will show up in the disk directory as SEQ. However, it's also possible to store the data in a program file. The pro-

cedure is the same as for sequential files, except that the ,S,W in the OPEN statement is changed to ,P,W (where the P indicates a program file). Otherwise, you still use PRINT# to write data to the file, as illustrated in the ASCTEST file created in the example above. There are several advantages to storing data in program file format. For example, with careful planning the program file of ASCII data can be retrieved with LOAD, which is significantly faster than using GET# or INPUT#. You may only rarely encounter ASCII data stored in program files, but the File Editor program can handle it in case you do.

Although BASIC File Editor allows you to edit ASCII data stored in program files, it does not allow you to edit BASIC programs stored in program files. While the file type is the same, all the BASIC keywords in a program are represented in the disk program file as single characters called tokens, which appear as reverse-video characters. Moreover, changes which affect the length of any program lines will cause the edited program to crash when loaded and run. Also, the File Editor can only be used to edit ASCII data files, which means it is not directly compatible with some database and word processing programs—including COMPUTE's *SpeedScript* word processor—which store characters as their Command screen code values rather than as ASCII values. (*SpeedScript* does allow you to print an ASCII file to disk, which could then be edited.)

It is possible to use the File Editor to load ASCII data from program files and store it into sequential files, and vice versa. However, in this case the replace feature will not function properly. That is, you cannot use the same filename for the edited file if you are storing it as a different type from the original.

Customizing The Editor

BASIC File Editor works best with ordinary alphanumeric data (letters and numbers), such as you might find in a word processing file. Carriage return characters (CHR\$(13)) are interpreted as separators. When BASIC File Editor finds a carriage return while loading the file, it terminates the current data line and

begins a new one.

It should not be difficult to customize this program for your own particular needs. Before doing so, however, look at line 350. The FOR-NEXT statement sets up a loop that counts through the lines of the program (42 for disk or 35 for tape). If you add or delete any lines in the File Editor program, you'll need to change this value from 35 or 42 to whatever is appropriate.

BASIC File Editor

Please refer to "COMPUTE's Guide to Typing in Programs" before entering this listing.

```

5 OPEN1,8,15 :rem 195
10 PRINT "{CLR}{3 SPACES}BASIC
FILE EDITOR [DOWN]:" :rem 31
20 PRINT "{HOME}[2 DOWN]SELECT
OPTION:" :rem 59
30 PRINT " L-LOAD FILE:PRINT#
S-SAVE FILE:PRINT# C-CLEAR
R-PRINT E=EXIT/LIST" :rem 11
40 GETA$:IFA$=" "THEN40:rem 235
50 IFA$="E"THENCLOSE1:L1ST39#
:END :rem 122
60 FORC=1TO3:IFA$=MID$(L1ST,C
,1)THENCLOSE1:GOTO28,210,300:G
OTO10 :rem 281
70 NEXTC:GOTO28 :rem 198
80 POKE45,PEEK(55):POKE46,PEEK
(56)-1:GOSUB340:L=PEEK(44)*
256+PEEK(43) :rem 11
90 IFPEEK(L+PEEK(L+1))-8THEN11
0 :rem 49
100 N=PEEK(L+3)*256+PEEK(L+2):
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TO90 :rem 198
110 PRINT"[DOWN]LOAD FILE:INP
UT$:PRINT"[DOWN]PROGRAM O
R SEQUENTIAL[2 SPACES](P/S
):INPUT$ :rem 29
120 CLOSE1:OPEN1,8,2,FS+,"+FS
+",R":GOSUB360:IFFL=1THEN1
0 :rem 6
130 A=L:T=PEEK(46)*256+PEEK(45
)-10 :rem 104
140 L=A:A=A+3:N=N+10:POKEA,N/2
56:POKEA-1,N-PEEK(A)*256:A
A+1:POKEA,34 :rem 4
150 A=A+1:GET#1,C$:D=ASC(C$+CH
R$(0)):IF D<13ANDATTHENP
OKEA,D:GOTO150 :rem 80
160 POKEA,34:POKEA+1,0:A=A+2:P
OKEA+1,A/256:POKEA,A-PEEK
(L+1)*256 :rem 208
170 IFST=0ANDC=ATTHEN140
:rem 163
180 IFA$=TTHENPRINT"OUT OF MEM
ORY" :rem 158
190 POKEA,0:POKEA+1,0:A=A+2:P
OKEA,A/256:POKEA,A-PEEK(4
)*256 :rem 155
200 GOSUB330:CLOSE 1:RETURN
:rem 163
210 GOSUB350:PRINT"[DOWN]SAVE
[SPACE]FILE:INPUT$ :rem 74
220 PRINT"[DOWN]PROGRAM OR SE
QUENTIAL[2 SPACES](P/S):IN
PUT$ :rem 143
230 CLOSE1:OPEN1,8,2,"00:++FS+
","++FS+",W":GOSUB360:IFFL=
1THEN10 :rem 38

```

```

240 IFPEEK(A)+PEEK(A+1)=8THENC
LOSE1:RETURN :rem 119
250 A=A+3 :rem 180
260 A=A+1:IFPEEK(A)=8THENPRINT
#1,"":A=A+1:GOTO240 :rem 126
270 IFPEEK(A)<34THEN260
:rem 135
280 A=A+1:IFPEEK(A)=34THEN260
:rem 168
290 PRINT#1,CHR$(PEEK(A)):GOT
O280 :rem 249
300 PRINT"CLEAR":GOSUB350:POKE
A,0:POKEA+1,0:A=A+2
:rem 219
310 POKEA,A/256:POKE3,A-PEEK(4
)*256 :rem 215
320 GOSUB330:RETURN :rem 197
330 POKE46,PEEK(4):POKE45,PEEK
(3) :rem 172
340 POKE47,PEEK(45):POKE48,PEE
K(46):POKE49,PEEK(45):POKE
50,PEEK(46):RETURN :rem 242
350 A=PEEK(44)*256+PEEK(43):FO
RN=1TO42:A=PEEK(A+1)*256+P
EEK(A):NEXTN:RETURN :rem 254
360 PRINT"POKE198,0:INPUT#15:A
$,C$,D$: :rem 42
370 IFB$="OK"THENFL=0:RETURN
:rem 242
380 PRINTAS"BS" "CS" "DS" "
FL=1:PRINT"[DOWN]HIT ANY K
EY":AS$="" :rem 254
385 GETA$:IFA$=" "THEN385
:rem 99
387 RETURN :rem 130
390 REM===== FILE FOLLOWS =====
:rem 150

```

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Page Flipping On The Atari

Clay Stuart

Page flipping is an animation technique in which entire screens can be flashed in rapid sequence, much like flipping through the pages of a book. This makes possible some amazing graphics displays. The article includes two demonstration programs (one for computers with as little as 16K RAM, and another for machines with at least 48K). The programs work on the 400/800, XL, and XE models.

Animation is any sequence of events that creates the illusion of motion. Note the phrase *illusion of motion*: no actual motion is required. For example, consider the lights on a movie marquee, stadium scoreboard, or message board. When the lights are flashed in sequence, they produce the illusion of motion, although the bulbs themselves are stationary.

Movies and cartoons work on the same principle. They consist of a series of still pictures, each slightly different than the one before it. When the pictures are projected in rapid succession, we perceive motion. The same principle can be applied to computers, except that few computers can draw high-resolution screens fast enough to fool the eye. The answer is a special programming technique known as *screen flipping* or *page flipping*. Screens are drawn beforehand and stored in memory, then displayed one after the other in an instant.

ANTIC And Display Lists

By now, many of you are well acquainted with the Atari ANTIC chip, display lists, and how Atari computers display screen images. Many articles and books have been published on this subject. However, a quick overview will be helpful here.

Besides the 6502 microprocessor, the Atari also contains a special chip known as ANTIC. ANTIC is a true microprocessor with its own in-

struction set, and it is in charge of displaying all screen data. The program that instructs ANTIC is called a *display list*. The display list is merely a list of instructions that locates screen memory for ANTIC and tells it which graphics mode to display. The starting address of the display list is stored in the customary low byte/high byte form at memory locations 560 and 561. To find the starting address of the display list in any graphics mode, type the following line in immediate mode:

```
GR[mode]:DL=PEEK  
(560)+256*PEEK(561):PRINT DL
```

where [mode] is the graphics mode number. This line can also be included in a program to store the display list address in the variable DL.

Screen Memory And Pointers

While display lists differ greatly, depending on the graphics mode, one thing is always certain. The fifth and sixth bytes of the display list contain the low and high bytes of the starting address of screen memory. To find the starting address of screen memory in any graphics mode, use this line:

```
GR[mode]:DL=PEEK  
(560)+256*PEEK(561):ST=PEEK  
(DL+4)+256*PEEK(DL+5):PRINT ST
```

Remember that when indexing within a list, you start counting at zero. That's why the fifth element of the display list is calculated at DL+4 and the sixth at DL+5. These two bytes together are called a *pointer*. As ANTIC scans the display list, these two bytes point ANTIC to the start of the screen memory.

The use of pointers is called *indirection*. Indirection can be a very powerful tool, and thanks to the foresight of Atari's engineers, it makes page flipping possible on Atari computers. Some other computers reserve an area of memory that is dedicated entirely to the video display. To display a new screen-

ful of data, the entire screen must be redrawn. This requires the high speeds of machine language, and at best is a complicated and time-consuming project. Through the use of pointers and indirection, the Atari avoids these complications.

By simply POKEing new values into the screen memory pointer in the display list, any area of memory can be instantly displayed on the screen. There is only one important rule to follow. To avoid garbled displays, screen memory should not cross a 4K memory boundary—that is, any address evenly divisible by 4096.

There is a way around this problem, but there's no room to explain it in detail here. However, you should note that it's impossible to flip pages in GRAPHICS 8 without taking this problem into account. Because GRAPHICS 8 uses about 8K of screen memory, the screen always crosses a 4K boundary. For now, it's probably best to experiment with page flipping in graphics modes 0 through 7, which use less than 4K of screen memory. With careful planning, screen memory need never cross a 4K boundary in these modes.

Setting Up Page Flipping

To implement page flipping, you must first calculate the starting address of the area of memory you wish to display. (You'll have to determine how much memory to set aside depending on the number of pages you want to flip, how much RAM is installed in your machine, etc.) Next, convert this number to its low-/high-byte representation using the following line:

```
AD=(address):HI=INT(AD/256):  
LO=AD-(256*HI)
```

where [address] is the starting memory address.

Then, choose a graphics mode and calculate the starting address of the display list. Finally, POKE the values LO and HI into the screen

memory pointers in the display list—LO byte first, HI byte second. Remember, the screen memory pointers are always the fifth and sixth bytes of the display list. Use the following short program as an example:

```
10 AD=40960
20 HI=INT(AD/256):LD=AD-(256*HI)
30 GRAPHICS 0
40 DL=PEEK(560)+256*PEEK(561)
50 POKE DL+4,LD:POKE DL+5,HI
```

When executed, the screen should almost instantly change to display this new area of memory. This area of memory is part of the BASIC ROM, and should be filled with all sorts of interesting data. It will be displayed as characters, since GRAPHICS 0 is a character mode. By substituting different values for the variable AD in the program above, any area of memory can be displayed (as long as it doesn't cross a 4K boundary, remember). Of course, if the area of memory you choose to display is empty, the screen will be blank.

More Pointers

There are two other memory locations that are important to know when page flipping. These are locations 88 and 89, another pointer. They store a memory address in the usual low-byte/high-byte form, and point to the area of memory where all PRINTs, PLOTs, and DRAWTOs will be directed, except for information displayed in text windows. By POKEing new values into these locations, you can redirect all PRINTs, PLOTs, and DRAWTOs to any area of memory. In other words, rather than printing text or drawing graphics on the screen, you can print text or draw graphics anywhere in memory and then display this page instantly.

This makes it possible to construct a series of pictures, each slightly different than the one before it, and each in a separate area of RAM. By rapidly flipping through these pictures in sequence, a program creates the illusion of motion. That's how the demonstration programs below work.

A Spinning Globe

If you have at least 48K RAM, use Program 1. If you have only 16K RAM, use Program 2 and make sure

no disk drive is connected. Program 1 creates a spinning globe on the high-resolution GRAPHICS 8 screen. Program 2 creates a spinning globe too, but on the medium-resolution GRAPHICS 7 screen to conserve memory. (Program 2 also works on machines with more than 16K as long as the disk drive is disconnected.)

Both programs GOSUB to a routine that READs machine language DATA into page 6 (starting at location 1536 decimal). After RETURN, Program 1 fills an array with SIN and COSINE values to speed up the drawing process. Program 2 skips this step due to the limited memory on a 16K machine. Both programs switch to a PLOT mode at line 60 and set up the various color registers at line 70. The starting address of the display list is calculated at line 80, and certain variables are initialized at line 90. (When you run Program 1, the screen is blank for about one minute during these steps.)

Lines 100 through 240 use BASIC trigonometric functions to draw three slightly different views of a wire globe. Each drawing is stored in a separate area of RAM. The spokes of this globe are nine degrees apart, and each drawing shows the globe rotated three degrees from the previous one. As each drawing is completed, the ON-GOSUB statement at line 230 directs the program to one of two subroutines at lines 1000 and 2000. These routines POKE the screen memory pointers into the display list, and POKE the PRINT, PLOT, and DRAWTO pointers with the address of the next area of memory to be displayed.

When all of this is completed, line 250 calls the machine language subroutine in page 6. This sets up a vertical blank interrupt routine that rapidly displays the drawings in sequence. The globe appears to spin!

Multiprocessing?

Although machine language is not really necessary for page flipping, it was included here for a reason. Notice that when the globe starts spinning, the READY prompt appears in the text window at the bottom of the screen. You can type LIST to view the program in the text window while it is executing, or even type

NEW and enter another program without affecting the display. This allows you to incorporate the spinning globe in your own programs.

Another interesting item is memory location 1554. This location in the vertical blank routine controls the speed of the globe's rotation. It normally contains a 1. Try POKEing 1554 with a 3 to slow down the rotation, or a 0 to speed things up.

For an example of page flipping in BASIC, add these lines to Program 1:

```
1245 POKE DL+5,129:POKE DL+101,144:FOR X=1 TO 10:NEXT X
1246 POKE DL+5,97:POKE DL+101,112:FOR X=1 TO 10:NEXT X
1247 POKE DL+5,65:POKE DL+101,80:FOR X=1 TO 10:NEXT X
1248 GOTO 245
```

or these lines to Program 2:

```
1245 POKE DL+5,161:FOR X=1 TO 10:NEXT X
1246 POKE DL+5,32:FOR X=1 TO 10:NEXT X
1247 POKE DL+5,48:FOR X=1 TO 10:NEXT X
1248 GOTO 245
```

These modifications bypass the machine language, yet show how BASIC is plenty fast enough for page flipping. You can slow down or speed up the globe by changing the values in the FOR-NEXT loops. Or you can press BREAK and enter GOTO 250 in direct mode to let the machine language routine spin the globe.

Feel free to use these programs for your own pursuits. Remember that once they are running, you can enter NEW and type in your own program. Who knows—maybe you can come up with a game that has a rotating planet in the background. (Incidentally, player/missile graphics is an ideal way to add moving objects when flipping screens, because it's not affected by page flipping.)

Please refer to "COMPUTE's Guide to Typing In Programs" before entering these listings.

Program 1: Spinning Globe Demo (48K)

```
10 REM REMQUIRES AT LEAST 48K
110 POKE 559,0:GOSUB 3000:
DIM ARR(450,1):DEG
119 REM **** ARRAY FILL ROUTINE ****
120 FOR I=0 TO 450
130 ARR(I,0)=SIN(I)
140 ARR(I,1)=COS(I)
```



Quickly flipping in sequence through four previously drawn screens, Program 1 creates the illusion of a spinning globe in high-resolution graphics.

```

M50 NEXT I
M59 REM ** SETUP GRAPHICS
MODE **
M60 GRAPHICS B
M70 POKE 710,144:POKE 712,
144:CDLOR 1
M79 REM ** CALCULATE START
OF DL **
M80 DL=PEEK(560)+256*PEEK(
561)
M90 X0=159:Y0=79:RDS=78:Z=
1
M99 REM *** DRAW GLOBE RO
UTINE ***
M100 FOR ROT=6 TO 0 STEP -
3
M110 FOR ANG=ROT TO RDT+18
0 STEP 9
M120 R=RDS*ANG
M130 X=X0+RARR(270,1)

```



Program 2 also simulates a spinning globe via page flipping, but uses medium-resolution graphics to save memory.

```

M80 DL=PEEK(560)+256*PEEK(
561)
M90 X0=79:Y0=39:RDS=38:Z=1
M99 REM *** DRAW GLOBE RO
UTINE ***
M100 FOR ROT=6 TO 0 STEP -
3
M110 FOR ANG=ROT TO RDT+18
0 STEP 9
M120 R=RDS*ANG
M130 X=X0+R*CDOS(270)
M140 Y=Y0+RDS*SIN(270)
M150 PLOT X,Y
M160 FOR CIR=200 TO 450 ST
EP 10
M170 X=R*CDOS(CIR)
M180 Y=RDS*SIN(CIR)
M190 DRAWTO X0+X,Y0+Y
M200 IF ANG=ROT THEN DRAWTO
X0+X,Y0+Y:PLOT X0+X
,Y0+Y
M210 NEXT CIR
M220 NEXT ANG
M230 DN Z GOSUB 1000,2000
M240 NEXT ROT
M250 A=USR(PAGE6)
M260 END
M299 REM ** PDINTER POKE SU
BRROUTINE **
M300 POKE DL+5,97:POKE DL
+101,112
M310 POKE 89,97
M320 Z=2
M330 RETURN
M399 REM ** PDINTER POKE S
UBROUTINE **
M400 POKE DL+5,65:POKE DL
+101,88
M410 POKE 89,65
M420 Z=0
M430 RETURN
M499 REM *** ML READ SUB
ROUTINE ***
PAGE6=1536
M500 FOR I=0 TO 50
M510 READ OBJ
M520 POKE PAGE6+I,OBJ
M530 NEXT I
M540 RETURN
M599 REM ** MACHINE LANGU
AGE DATA **
M600 DATA 104,169,5,133,2
84,169,6,162
M610 DATA 4,160,15,32,92,
220,96,165
M620 DATA 20,41,1,200,29,
164,204,185
M630 DATA 53,6,141,85,120
,136,185,53
M640 DATA 8,141,181,120,1
92,0,240,6
M650 DATA 136,132,204,76,
50,6,149,5
M660 DATA 133,204,76,95,2
28,80,65,112
M670 DATA 97,144,129
M680 DATA 104,169,2,133,2
84,169,6,162
M690 DATA 4,160,15,32,92,
220,96,165
M700 DATA 20,41,1,200,21,
164,204,185
M710 DATA 45,6,141,167,47
,192,0,240
M720 DATA 5,190,204,76,42
,6,169,2
M730 DATA 133,204,76,95,2
28,16,32,48

```

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M140 Y=Y0+RDS*ARR(270,0)
M150 PLDT X,Y
M160 FOR CIR=200 TO 450 ST
EP 10
M170 X=R*ARR(CIR,1)
M180 Y=RDS*ARR(CIR,0)
M190 DRAWTO X0+X,Y0+Y
M200 IF ANG=ROT THEN DRAWTO
X0+X,Y0+Y:PLOT X0+X
,Y0+Y
M210 NEXT CIR
M220 NEXT ANG
M230 DN Z GOSUB 1000,2000
M240 NEXT ROT
M245 POKE DL+5,129:POKE DL
+101,144:FOR X=1 TO 1
0:NEXT X
M246 POKE DL+5,97:POKE DL+
101,112:FOR X=1 TO 10
:NEXT X
M247 POKE DL+5,65:POKE DL+
101,88:FOR X=1 TO 10:
NEXT X
M248 GOTO 245
M250 A=USR(PAGE6)
M260 END
M299 REM ** PDINTER POKE SU
BRROUTINE **
M300 POKE DL+5,97:POKE DL
+101,112
M310 POKE 89,97
M320 Z=2
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UBROUTINE **
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M499 REM *** ML READ SUB
ROUTINE ***
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M520 POKE PAGE6+I,OBJ
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220,96,165
M620 DATA 20,41,1,200,29,
164,204,185
M630 DATA 53,6,141,85,120
,136,185,53
M640 DATA 8,141,181,120,1
92,0,240,6
M650 DATA 136,132,204,76,
50,6,149,5
M660 DATA 133,204,76,95,2
28,80,65,112
M670 DATA 97,144,129
M680 DATA 104,169,2,133,2
84,169,6,162
M690 DATA 4,160,15,32,92,
220,96,165
M700 DATA 20,41,1,200,21,
164,204,185
M710 DATA 45,6,141,167,47
,192,0,240
M720 DATA 5,190,204,76,42
,6,169,2
M730 DATA 133,204,76,95,2
28,16,32,48

```

Program 2: Spinning Globe Demo (16K)

```

M5 REM DISCONNECT DISK DRI
VE
M10 POKE 106,64:GRAPHICS 0
:POKE 559,0:GOSUB 3000
M50 DES
M59 REM ** SETUP GRAPHICS
MODE **
M60 GRAPHICS 7
M70 POKE 710,144:POKE 712,
144:CDLOR 1
M79 REM ** CALCULATE START
OF DL **

```


Commodore 64 Hi-Res Quick Clear

Paul W Downing

Here's a machine language routine that clears the Commodore 64's high-resolution screen in less than a second.

If you've ever used high-resolution graphics on the Commodore 64, you probably know how long it takes to clear the hi-res screen in BASIC. You need to POKE 8,000 memory locations with zeros, usually with a line like this:

```
FOR I=8192 TO 16192:POKE I:0:NEXT
```

This takes about 30 seconds—not a very long time, but it can seem almost endless if you're staring at a PLEASE WAIT message on the screen, waiting for the program to set up.

"Quick Clear" is a short machine language routine that clears the hi-res screen in less than one second. It can be inserted in any program that uses high-resolution graphics. You don't need to understand machine language to use it—just type it in and enter RUN. This installs the ML in the cassette buffer, starting at location 828. Once the routine is in place, use SYS 828 whenever you want to clear the hi-res screen.

Fill With Any Value

If you've never used hi-res graphics before, try this experiment. Run Quick Clear, then enter the following line to put your 64 in bitmap mode:

POKE 53265,PEEK(53265)OR32:
POKE 53272,PEEK(53272)OR8

The screen will be full of garbage. Now press SHIFT-CLR/HOME and enter SYS 828. The screen will clear in a heartbeat.

Ordinarily, you'll want to clear the screen with zeros. But you can also use this routine to fill the hi-res screen with any value from 0 to 255. Just change the second number in the third DATA statement from 0 to the desired number.

The ML routine is relocatable, so you don't need to put it in the cassette buffer. To change its location, change the variable SA in line 10 from 828 to another safe address (49152, for example).

The variable HS in line 10 is the starting address of the hi-res screen. If you locate the screen at some address other than 8192, be sure to change HS to match.

Quick Clear

Please refer to "COMPUTER's Guide to Typing in Programs" before entering this listing.

```

18  SA=0281HS=01912 POKE2,HS-256
   *INT(HS/256):POKE3,INT(HS/256)
   561
26  SA=POSA+31:READB:POKEA,
   BINEXT
38  DATA 165,2,133,4,165,3
   irom 193
48  DATA 133,5,162,38,168,8
   irom 233
58  DATA 169,8,145,4,136,288
   irom 45
68  DATA 251,238,5,282,16,244
   irom 81
78  DATA 168,64,145,4,136,16
   irom 181
88  DATA 251,96
   irom 181

```

[illegible]

Unlocking IBM BASIC Programs

Peter F. Nicholson

This short utility unlocks BASIC programs which have been saved in protected format with the P option. It works on any IBM PC or PCjr.

IBM BASIC lets you save a program in three formats: in tokenized (compressed binary) form, as an ASCII file, or as a protected (encoded binary) program. The commands for these options are:

```
SAVE "filename" (tokenized)
SAVE "filename",A (ASCII)
SAVE "filename",P (protected)
```

In each case, DOS automatically appends the extender .BAS and does not indicate the format on disk directories. You can load a program saved in any format with LOAD "filename.BAS", omitting the .BAS extender if you wish.

Although a protected program loads and runs normally, it cannot be listed or edited, and neither BASIC nor DOS provides a way to "unlock" it. So when you save a program in protected format, you should also save an unprotected copy in case you decide to make some changes later. If you find yourself without a backup, however, the following utility can remove the protection.

Type in and save UNPROT.UTL. Note that you must save it with the filename UNPROT.UTL. When you run it, you'll be prompted to enter the active drive (enter A if you have one drive) and the name of the protected program. The drive runs briefly as the protection is removed, and then your program is listed on the screen, ready for you to edit or resave.

Invisible Fingers

To mimic the effect of entering direct keyboard commands, UNPROT.

UTL assigns strings to the ten special function keys. It then manipulates the keyboard buffer to enter each string automatically, as if the function keys were being pressed in sequence by invisible fingers. If you use DOS 2.1, the subroutine at line 2000 automatically enters the function keystrokes for you. If you have another version of DOS, you'll have to delete the GOSUB 2000 statement from line 290 and press F1 through F10 in sequence yourself, after entering the filename.

Mimicking keystrokes is an efficient technique, but it makes a program somewhat difficult to follow. If you're interested in how this utility works, here's a brief explanation of how protected programs can be unlocked.

The Key Addresses

The first thing you need to learn is where the program starts and ends in memory. As explained in Appendix I of the IBM BASIC Manual, these addresses can be found with the following PEEKs:

```
PEEK(&H30)+256*PEEK(&H31)      Program starting address
PEEK(&H358)+256*PEEK(&H359)-1    Program ending address
```

The starting address is the same in every case; you can find it simply by entering NEW followed by the first PEEK statement above. Finding the ending address is more difficult, as you'll find if you load a protected program and enter the second statement. All you'll get for your trouble is an illegal function call error.

However, there's another way to get the same information. Scalar variables are stored immediately after the end of a BASIC program, and the VARPTR function can find the address of any variable. All you need to do is define an arbitrary scalar variable, CHAIN the protected program into memory, and use VARPTR to find the address of the dummy variable.

Breaking The Chains

Unlike the LOAD command, which clears variables, CHAIN brings a program into memory and begins execution at a specified line number without destroying preexisting variables. This is the method used in UNPROT.UTL. We don't want to run the chained program after it's in memory, so the CHAIN command uses a nonexistent line number (65529). This simply halts execution with an illegal function call error.

Subtracting a few bytes to account for the variable descriptor gives us the exact address where the program ends. To determine its length, we subtract the starting address from the ending address.

Now that we know the program's starting address and length, we BSAVE it back to disk as a binary file. After performing a second NEW, it's necessary to set the pointers for the start of scalar variables, arrays, and strings at the spot where the program ends. Finally, the program is BLOADED back into memory at the correct starting address, and the unlocking process is complete.

If you would rather not type in this program, send a formatted disk with a self-addressed, postage-paid mailer and a \$3.00 check to:

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UNPROT.UTL

Please refer to "COMPUTE's Guide to Typing in Programs" before entering this listing.

```
10 80 REM 'UNLOCK' PROGRAMS SAVE
11 80 D IN PROTECTED FORMAT.
12 90 REM LOADS A PREVIOUSLY PRO
13 90 TECTED PROGRAM INTO MEMORY
14 95 REM WITHOUT PROTECTION, SO
15 95 PROGRAM CAN BE LISTED AND
16 95 SAVED.
17 96 REM IBM BASIC VERSIONS 1.1
18 96 AN 2.0
19 100 DEF SEG: CLEAR KEY OFF: CLS
20 100 ON ERROR GOTO 300
21 110 B%=:A=0
22 120 GOSUB 1000
```

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10 130 A=PEEK(MH30)+256*PEEK(MH31)
11 140 LINE INPUT "PROTECTED FILE
    DRIVE ";G$;IF LEN(G$)>0
    THEN IF INSTR(G$,"1")=0
    THEN G$=G$+"1"
12 150 LINE INPUT "PROTECTED FILE
    NAME ";F$;IF INSTR(F$,"
    ")=0 THEN F$=F$+".BAS"
13 160 G$=G$+F$
14 170 F$="PROT.SCR"
15 180 H$="PROT.DAT";I$="UNPROT.
    UTILITY"
16 190 KEY 1,"B=VARPTR(B)+CHR$(
    13)
17 200 KEY 2,"BSAVE F$,A,B-A"
18 210 KEY 3,"-4:BSAVE H$,B,-"
19 220 KEY 4,"4:CHAIN 19,500"+CHR
    $(13)
20 230 KEY 5,"BLOAD"+CHR$(34)
21 240 KEY 6,H$+CHR$(34)+",BS6"+
    CHR$(13)
22 250 KEY 7,"BLOAD"+CHR$(34)+F$
23 260 KEY 8,CHR$(34)+",+STR$(A
    )+CHR$(13)+"+LIST"+CHR$(13)
    )
24 270 KEY 9,"FOR I=1 TO 10:KE"
25 280 KEY 10,"Y 1,"+CHR$(34)+CH
    R$(34)+"+NEXT"+CHR$(13)
26 290 GOSUB 2800:COLOR 0,0:CHAI
    N 0,65529",ALL
27 300 FOR I=1 TO 10:KEY I,"";NE
    XT I
28 310 COLOR 7,0:IF ERL=290 AND
    ERL=53 THEN CLS:BEEP:PRINT
    "G$+" DOES NOT EXIST"+RE
    SUME 140
29 320 ON ERROR GOTO 0:END
30 500 B=0:DIM B1X(2):COLOR 7,0
31 510 BLOAD "PROT.DAT",VARPTR(B
    )
32 520 FOR I=0 TO 2:IF B(2)=15 TH
    EN B1X(I)=B ELSE B1X(I)=B
    -2*16
33 530 NEXT I:BSAVE "PROT.DAT",V
    ARIPTR(B1X(0)),6
34 540 NEW
35 1000 PRINT "UNPROTECTING BASI
    C PROGRAMS"
36 1010 LOCATE 4,10:PRINT "1. YO
    U WILL BE PROMPTED FOR T
    HE FILE DRIVE AND NAME"
37 1040 LOCATE 7,10:PRINT "2. TH
    E FINAL STEP IS THE LIST
    ING OF YOUR PROGRAM"
38 1050 LOCATE 16,1:PRINT "NOTE:
    FUNCTION KEYS ARE CLEAR
    ED BY THE PROGRAM AND TW
    O SCRATCH"
39 1060 LOCATE 18,1:PRINT "FILES
    , PROT.SCR AND PROT.DAT
    ARE LEFT ON YOUR DEFAULT
    DRIVE"
40 1070 LOCATE 25,1:PRINT "PRESS
    ANY KEY TO START"
41 1080 KB$=INKEY$:IF KB$="" GOT
    O 1090:"CLEAR KEYBOARD
42 1090 KB$=INKEY$:IF KB$="" GOT
    O 1090
43 1100 CLS:RETURN
44 2000 REM ## SET KEYBOARD BUFF
    ER TO ENTER F1 THROUGH F
    10 AUTOMATICALLY###
45 2010 REM ## 10M P
    C DOS VERSION 2.1
    ###
46 2020 DEF SEG=$H40:FOR I=1 TO
    10:Poke 201+28,0:Poke 20
    1+29,50:I=I+1:NEXT I
47 2030 Poke 201+28,13:Poke 201
    +29,28:Poke 20,30:Poke 20
    ,50:DEF SEG:RETURN

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Fast Atari Circles

Owen Sexsmith

Draw circles, stars, diamonds, and other geometric shapes in Atari BASIC quickly and easily, all with a single subroutine written in machine language. For the Atari 400/800, XL, and XE computers.

Unlike some newer versions of the language, Atari BASIC has no CIRCLE statement, so drawing circles can be a slow and cumbersome process. But with "Fast Atari Circles," you can easily draw circles, ellipses, stars, and a galaxy of other shapes. The routine is written in machine language for maximum speed, but you don't need to understand ML to use the routine in your own programs.

Type in and save Fast Atari Circles. When you run it, you'll see a pattern of finely drawn, elliptical lines. After that, the program generates colored disks, open stars, hexagons, diamonds, and other complex shapes in various graphics modes.

Believe it or not, all these shapes were created with just one routine. As you can see from the program, GOSUB 900 is used whenever graphics are generated. Line 900 consists of a single USR statement (which calls the machine language subroutine), followed by RETURN. The USR statement includes several descriptively named variables, such as XCENTER and YRADIUS. To create a shape, you simply assign values to these BASIC variables, then call the Fast Circles routine with USR.

Defining The Variables

XCENTER and YCENTER locate your shape on the screen. XCENTER defines the X coordinate, or horizontal location. Give XCENTER a small value to put the shape near the left of the screen, and larger values to move it to the right.

YCENTER defines the Y coordinate, or vertical location. Smaller YCENTER values put the shape higher on the screen, and larger values move it down. XRADIUS and YRADIUS define the shape's width and height, respectively.

To learn how these four variables interact, look at lines 165-220. In line 165, XCENTER and YCENTER are given values that place the shape in the middle of the screen. In lines 205-220, a FOR-NEXT loop increases the values of XRADIUS and YRADIUS each time the loop is executed. Since YRADIUS is always greater than XRADIUS, the shape is wider than it is high, forming an ellipse. In lines 225-240, the process is repeated, giving YRADIUS greater values than XRADIUS, so the ellipse is higher than it is wide.

By changing the STEP values in lines 205 and 225, you can change the distance between the lines. For example, try STEP 3 instead of STEP 5 in line 205, and STEP 1 instead of STEP 5 in line 225. You'll see an interesting moiré effect in areas where the two shapes overlap. If you'd like to experiment further, add these two lines:

```

201 XRADIUS=-%: YRADIUS=-%:
    GOSUB 900
202 GOTO 202

```

When you run the program again, it draws one shape and pauses in an endless loop at line 202. Since XRADIUS and YRADIUS are equal, the shape is a circle (some TV sets and monitors may be mildly distorted, making the circles look slightly elliptical).

Press BREAK to stop, and edit line 175 so that DELTA=32. When the program runs, you should see an octagon. When DELTA=64, it becomes a diamond. If you change DELTA to an odd value such as 81,

the program draws a complex series of lines that eventually overlap to form a thick doughnut shape. When you're done experimenting with this section, delete lines 201 and 202.



A small example of some shapes you can draw with "Fast Atari Circles."

Using The Routine

The demonstration program contains REMarks explaining what each section does. By studying the program and experimenting with other sections, you can quickly learn how to handle all the variables used by the Atari Fast Circles routine.

To use this routine in your own programs, you'll need to include lines 50-60, 70, 900, and 1000-1135. Lines 50-60 create a table of sine values in SINE\$. Line 70 builds the machine language routine in CIRC\$. Line 900 contains the line-drawing USR call, and lines 1000-1135 are the machine language data. Put the lines that create CIRC\$ and SINE\$ in the setup portion of your program. Once the setup is complete, you're ready to create your own graphics masterpieces.

Fast Atari Circles

Please refer to "COMPUTE!'s Guide to Typing In Programs" before entering this listing.

```

R 10 GRAPHICS 2+16:PDSITION
   5,4:7 #6:"PLEASE WAIT
   7 #6:7 #6:"
   (7 SPACES)loading"
E 40 REM
R 42 REM BUILD A SINE TABLE
   IN SINE$
R 45 REM
R 50 DEG :DIM SINE$(65):FDR
   I=0 TD 64:Y=INT(256#S
   IN(90/64#I)+.5)
IL 55 IF X>255 THEN X=255
FI 60 SINE$(I+1)=CHR$(X):NEX
   T I
FI 65 REM

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E 66 REM PUT M.L. ROUTINE I
   N CIRC$
FI 67 REM
R 70 DIM CIRC$(200):FDR I=1
   TD 200:READ X:CIRC$(I
   )=CHR$(X):NEXT I
R 150 REM
R 155 REM ELLIPSES
R 160 REM
R 165 XCENTER=160:YCENTER=9
   4
R 170 ARCSTART=0:ARCEND=0
R 175 KOLDR=1:DELTA=2
R 200 GRAPHICS 8+16
R 245 FDR I=0 TD 75 STEP 5
R 210 XRADIUS=5+2#I:YRADIUS
   =5+I
R 215 GDSUB 900
R 220 NEXT I
R 225 FDR I=0 TD 45 STEP 5
R 230 XRADIUS=5+I:YRADIUS=5
   +2#I
R 235 GDSUB 900
R 240 NEXT I
R 245 FDR I=1 TD 300:NEXT I
R 250 REM
R 255 REM DISKS
R 260 REM
R 265 KOLDR=1:DELTA=1:GRAPH
   ICS 7+16
R 270 FDR I=0 TD 27 STEP 3
R 275 XCENTER=10+4#I:YCENTE
   R=10+2#I
R 280 FOR J=0 TD I
R 285 XRADIUS=J:YRADIUS=J:A
   RCEND= NOT J
R 290 GDSUB 900
R 295 NEXT J
R 300 KOLDR=KOLDR+1:IF KOLD
   R>3 THEN KOLDR=1
R 305 NEXT I
R 310 REM
R 315 REM SQUARES
R 320 REM
R 325 GRAPHICS 3+16:DELTA=6
   4
R 330 REM SIXTY-FOUR IS A Q
   UARTER ARC
R 335 XCENTER=20:YCENTER=12
R 337 FDR K=0 TD 1:ARCSTART
   =32#K:ARCEND=32#K
R 340 FOR I=0 TD 5:KOLDR=K
   OLD+1:IF KOLDR>3 THEN
   KOLDR=1
R 345 FDR J=0 TD 1
R 350 XRADIUS=2#I+J:YRADIUS
   =2#I+J
R 360 GDSUB 900
R 370 NEXT J:NEXT I:NEXT K
R 375 FDR I=1 TD 300:NEXT I
R 380 REM
R 385 REM VARIOUS OTHER SHA
   PES
R 390 REM
R 400 GRAPHICS 7+16:KOLOR=0
   :DIM S(4),E(4),I(4)
R 405 S(1)=0:E(1)=0:I(1)=64
   :S(2)=193:E(2)=191:I(
   2)=102
R 410 S(3)=16:E(3)=16:I(3)=
   32:S(4)=0:E(4)=0:I(4)
   =1
R 420 XRADIUS=10:YRADIUS=10
R 430 FDR I=0 TD 3:S=4-I:F0
   R J=0 TD 3
R 440 KOLDR=KOLDR+1:IF KOLD
   R>3 THEN KOLOR=1
R 450 S=S+1:IF S>4 THEN S=1
R 460 XCENTER=20+4#J:YCENT
   ER=12+20#I
R 470 ARCSTART=S(8):ARCEND=
   E(8):DELTA=I(8)

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```

R 480 GDSUB 900
R 490 NEXT J:NEXT I
R 495 FOR I=1 TD 300:NEXT I
R 500 BDT 500
R 900 X=USR(ADR(CIRC$),ADR(
   SINE$),XCENTER,YCENTE
   R,XRADIUS,YRADIUS,ARC
   START,ARCEND,256#KOLD
   R+DELTA):RETURN
R 1000 DATA 104,104,133,231
   ,104,133,230,104,133
   ,217
R 1005 DATA 104,133,216,104
   ,133,220,133,229,104
   ,133
R 1010 DATA 210,104,104,133
   ,219,104,104,133,220
   ,104
R 1015 DATA 104,133,221,104
   ,104,133,222,104,141
   ,251
R 1020 DATA 2,104,133,223,1
   62,0,134,227,165,227
R 1025 DATA 56,233,64,133,2
   7,165,221,56,229,22
   7
R 1030 DATA 133,224,144,240
   ,165,227,41,128,133,
   225
R 1035 DATA 165,227,41,64,2
   40,7,169,64,56,229
R 1040 DATA 224,133,224,165
   ,227,240,6,201,192,2
   40
R 1045 DATA 2,162,120,134,2
   26,164,224,177,230,1
   33
R 1050 DATA 214,165,220,133
   ,215,169,0,133,212,1
   62
R 1055 DATA 8,70,214,144,3,
   24,101,215,106,102
R 1060 DATA 212,202,200,243
   ,166,225,240,5,73,25
   5
R 1065 DATA 24,105,1,24,101
   ,218,133,84,169,64
R 1070 DATA 56,229,224,168,
   177,230,133,214,165,
   219
R 1075 DATA 133,215,169,0,1
   33,212,162,8,200,0
R 1080 DATA 208,138,70,214,
   144,3,24,101,215,106
R 1085 DATA 102,212,202,208
   ,243,133,227,166,220,
   240
R 1090 DATA 16,165,216,56,2
   29,227,133,85,165,21
   7
R 1095 DATA 233,0,133,86,24
   ,144,13,165,216,24
R 1100 DATA 101,227,133,85,
   165,217,105,0,133,86
R 1105 DATA 166,220,200,40,
   162,96,134,220,169,1
   1
R 1110 DATA 157,66,3,169,0,
   157,72,3,157,73
R 1115 DATA 3,173,251,2,32,
   86,228,169,17,157
R 1120 DATA 66,3,169,12,157
   ,74,3,169,0,157
R 1125 DATA 75,3,240,9,162,
   96,32,86,228,166
R 1130 DATA 229,208,16,165,
   221,24,101,223,133,2
   21
R 1135 DATA 197,222,208,142
   ,202,134,229,208,137
   ,96

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Apple Universal INPUT

William Simpson

Banish EXTRA IGNORED errors from your Applesoft programs with this short INPUT routine. It works on any Apple II series computer with DOS 3.3 or ProDOS.

As you know if you've ever tried it, Applesoft BASIC won't let you type commas or colons when responding to an INPUT prompt. The computer rejects everything after the punctuation and gives you an EXTRA IGNORED error. There's a good reason for this, but there may be times when you'd like an input string to include the punctuation. For example, you might want to input a time value in response to a prompt like:
ENTER HOURS:MINUTES.

"Apple Universal Input" solves this problem and can be used as a routine in any Applesoft BASIC program. Once installed, it lets you input strings containing commas and colons, from the keyboard or from disk.

Type in and save the following program, then enter RUN and type any string containing commas or colons. The program prints the string to show that the input was accepted without errors.

You'll notice that the input prompt is a greater-than sign (>) rather than a question mark. This signals that the normal Applesoft INPUT command is not in use. If you don't like this prompt, you can easily change it to another character. Find the ASCII code for the character you prefer, add 128 to the ASCII

code, and substitute that value for the second DATA number in line 270 of the program. For example, the < character has an ASCII code of 60. To use that character as the prompt, you would replace the second DATA number in line 270 with 188 (60 + 128).

Program Breakdown

Let's look at the example program to learn how this input routine can be used in other programs.

Line 100 defines the variable T\$. It's essential that this be the first variable your program defines.

Line 110 POKES a short machine language (ML) routine into memory; the DATA for this routine is contained in lines 270-300. Lines 120 and 130 print a prompt on the screen, and call the new input routine with GOSUB 190. When using this routine in your own programs, you should use a similar GOSUB whenever you want to input a new string. Note that the string is returned in the variable A\$ (line 140).

The BASIC subroutine calls the ML routine (CALL 768) to bring the input string into the computer's memory. Using the ROM GETLN routine, the ML routine first moves the string into the input buffer. Then it stores the string's length in location 798, subtracts 128 from each character's value to obtain the correct ASCII codes, and returns control to BASIC.

Lines 200-260 move the string from the input buffer to a safe place in memory where it can be accessed by the main program. The vehicle for this transfer is the string variable T\$,

which you'll recall was the first variable defined in the program. This is done so that you can find the descriptor for T\$ by PEEKing the pointer in locations 105-106.

Variable Descriptors

As you may know, a simple variable descriptor consists of five bytes in the following form:

Byte #	Function
1	First letter of the variable's name
2	Second letter of the name
3	Length of the variable
4	Low byte of the variable's memory address
5	High byte of the variable's memory address

By manipulating the descriptor for the variable T\$, it is relatively simple to transfer the string from the input buffer (where it would quickly be overwritten) to another string variable (A\$ in example program).

After the descriptor is located (line 210), its third byte is POKED with the length of the string (line 220), and the fourth and fifth bytes are POKED with the low byte/high byte address of the input buffer (lines 230-240). T\$ is now set to the correct length and its descriptor points to the input buffer.

The final step (line 250) is to copy T\$ into A\$, using a form of the MID\$ function that extracts every character from T\$. You may substitute other names for T\$ and A\$, of course, when using this routine in your own programs.

Applesoft Universal Input

```
100 T$ = ""
110 FOR I = 768 TO 798: READ A:
    POKE I,A: NEXT
120 HOME
130 PRINT "INPUT ANYTHING": GOS
    UB 190
140 PRINT "ANYTHING==>": JA$
150 PRINT
160 INPUT "ANY MORE? (Y OR N) "
    :YT$
170 IF YT$ = "Y" THEN 120
180 END
190 CALL 768
200 B1 = PEEK (798)
210 B2 = PEEK (186) : 256 + PEE
    K (185)
220 POKE B2 + 2,B1
230 POKE B2 + 3,0
240 POKE B2 + 4,2
250 A$ = MID$ (T$,1)
260 RETURN
270 DATA 169,190,133,51,32,106
    ,253,142
280 DATA 38,3,164,0,284,30,3,2
    40
290 DATA 12,185,0,2,41,127,153
    ,0
300 DATA 2,200,76,12,3,96,0,0,C
```

Hardcopy Sprites

Thomas H. White

Make a hardcopy printout of any Commodore 64 sprite with this BASIC program for the VIC-1525, MPS-801, or MPS-802 printer. It's easily adapted to other printers as well.

Have you ever wished you could print a sprite on paper? For example, you may want to check some detail on a sprite you designed without bothering to load and run the program. With "Hardcopy Sprites," you can check such details in seconds rather than minutes, and even compile a personal library of sprite shapes for future reference.

Ordinary screen dump programs can't make sprite printouts because the data that defines sprite shapes isn't located in regular screen memory. To print out a sprite, you need a program that reads the 64-byte memory area where the sprite shape is actually stored.

Hardcopy Sprites uses this technique to print a 24 × 21 character representation of any sprite, with vertical or horizontal expansion if you wish. Large ball-shaped characters form single-color sprites, and additional characters represent multi-color sprites. Figures 1 and 2 show two examples of what is possible.

After typing and saving the program, POKE your sprite data into memory and note the address where it begins. Then simply run Hardcopy Sprites and follow the prompts. The program asks you to enter the memory address where the sprite data begins, to give the sprite a descriptive name, to choose horizontal or vertical expansion (or both), and to select single-color or multicolor mode.

Non-Commodore Printers

Hardcopy Sprites is written for Commodore printers, but is readily adapted to other printers. If your printer can't handle Commodore

graphics, replace the ball-shaped Commodore graphics character (SHIFT-Q in the program listing) in lines 200, 210, 230, 340, and 360 with some other character, such as an X or a plus sign. With a little extra work, you could also incorporate Hardcopy Sprites as a subroutine within a BASIC sprite editor program.

Figure 1: Expanded Single-Color Sprite



Figure 2: Unexpanded Multi-color Sprite



Hardcopy Sprites

Please refer to "COMPUTER'S Guide to Typing In Programs" before entering this listing.

```
10 REM ** SPRITE HARDCOPY **
20 INPUT"[CLR][DOWN]SPRITE DAT
  A MEMORY LOCATION":PG
      :rem 207
30 INPUT"[CLR][DOWN]EXPAND X D
  I.R. (Y/N)":EX$ :rem 35
```

```
40 INPUT"[7 SPACES]Y DIR. (Y/N
  )":EYS :rem 194
45 INPUT"[DOWN]SPRITE NAME":NS
      :rem 243
47 INPUT"[DOWN]MULTICOLOR MODE
  (Y/N)":MS :rem 82
50 OPEN1,4 :rem 40
55 PRINT#1,CHR$(15)"MEMORY LOC
  ATION"PG;"[2 SPACES]"NS
      :rem 242
60 FORR=@TO6@STEP3 :rem 132
70 FORC=@TO2:P=PEEK(PG+R+C)
      :rem 146
80 FORB=7*TO@STEP-1:V(B)=P/2:P=
  INT(V(B)) :rem 111
90 V(B)=V(B)-INT(V(B)):rem 202
100 IFV(B)>0THENGOSUB200
      :rem 104
110 IFV(B)=0THENGOSUB250
      :rem 109
120 NEXTB :rem 20
130 FORB=@TO7:L$=L$+D$(B)
      :rem 129
140 NEXTB:NEXTC :rem 219
150 IFEYS<>"Y"THENPRINT#1,CHR$(
  15)+CHR$(16)+" 2B"+L$+CHR$(
  8) :rem 255
160 IFEYS="Y"THENFORB=@TO1:PR
  INT#1,CHR$(15)+CHR$(16)+"1
  6"+L$+CHR$(8):NEXTRE
      :rem 201
170 L$="":NEXTC :rem 84
180 PRINT#1,CLOSE1:END:rem 100
200 D$(B)="Q" :rem 223
210 IFMS="N"ANDEX$="Y"THEND$(B
  )="QO" :rem 29
220 IFMS="Y"ANDEX$="N"THENGOSU
  B300 :rem 19
230 IFMS="Y"ANDEX$="Y"THEND$(B
  )="QO":GOSUB320 :rem 121
240 RETURN :rem 118
250 D$(B)=" " :rem 19
260 IFMS="N"THEND$(B)
  ="[2 SPACES]" :rem 128
270 IFMS="Y"ANDEX$="N"THENGOSU
  B340 :rem 28
280 IFMS="Y"ANDEX$="Y"THEND$(B
  )="[2 SPACES]":GOSUB360
      :rem 224
290 RETURN :rem 123
300 IFB=6ORB=4ORB=2ORB=@THENIF
  D$(B+1)=" "THEND$(B+1)="@"
  :D$(B)="@" :rem 128
310 RETURN :rem 116
320 IFB=6ORB=4ORB=2ORB=@THENIF
  D$(B+1)="[2 SPACES]"THEND$(
  B+1)="@" :D$(B)="@" :rem 226
330 RETURN :rem 110
340 IFB=6ORB=4ORB=2ORB=@THENIF
  D$(B+1)="Q"THEND$(B+1)="Q"
  :D$(B)="Q" :rem 147
350 RETURN :rem 120
360 IFB=6ORB=4ORB=2ORB=@THENIF
  D$(B+1)="QO"THEND$(B+1)="Q
  O":D$(B)="QO" :rem 4
370 RETURN :rem 122
```

IBM Variable Lister

Peter F. Nicholson

This handy utility lists all the variables in your IBM BASIC programs. It runs on any PC with at least 64K RAM or PCjr with at least 128K RAM.

The ability to list variables is a valuable aid in debugging and documenting BASIC programs. The three programs accompanying this article show how IBM BASIC variables are stored and let you list the variables in any IBM BASIC program.

"Variable Lister" (Program 3) is the actual utility. Programs 1 and 2 demonstrate how IBM BASIC stores variables for those who are interested in the details (see below). But you don't have to be familiar with the theory to use Variable Lister.

The first step is to type in and save Program 3. (Note: All three programs assume that your screen is in the 80-column mode. Enter WIDTH 80 from BASIC or MODE 80 from DOS before running the programs.)

Once Variable Lister is saved on disk, there are two ways to run it. The easiest way is to run your own program first, break out, then activate Variable Lister with the CHAIN command. For example, if you have saved Variable Lister under the filename "VARLIST," enter CHAIN "VARLIST",70,ALL and press ENTER. This preserves your program's variables while Variable Lister loads and runs.

After doing this, Variable Lister replaces your program in memory. If you want to get a variable list while your program remains in memory, you need to renumber Variable Lister with line numbers not used in your program, and then merge it

with your program using CHAIN MERGE. See the *IBM BASIC Manual* for details.

Of course, Variable Lister uses variables of its own. To avoid confusion, these variables (BAS, XLEN, CTA, CTV, I11, JJ1, AD0, VARNAMES, ARRNAME\$, ITV1, and TESTARRAY) are suppressed from the variable list, and should not be used by your program.

The subroutine beginning at line 820 sorts variables and arrays alphabetically. There may be times when you'd rather display them chronologically (the order in which they're defined as the program runs). This is easily done by deleting the statement GOSUB 820 from lines 500 and 520.

How It Works

IBM BASIC uses four types of variables—integer, string, single-precision, or double-precision. The term *scalar* describes all variables that are not arrays. Appendix I of the *IBM BASIC Manual* explains how and where scalars are stored. Page I-2 of this appendix shows where the scalar storage area starts, and pages I-3 and I-4 explain the meaning of the data stored there.

If you want to see a graphic illustration of scalar variable storage, type in and save Program 1, then enter RUN. The program defines four variables—each a different type—and displays the descriptor bytes that describe each. You'll see two columns of numbers for each variable. The left column provides a reference number for each byte of the descriptor, and the right column shows the value that each byte contains.

The first byte of the descriptor indicates the variable type. This byte contains a 2 for an integer variable, 3 for a string, and 4 or 8 for a single- or double-precision variable, respectively. The next two bytes hold the first two characters of the variable name. For the variable A, we see the value of 65, the ASCII code for the letter A. The letter B is shown with an ASCII code of 66, and so on.

When a variable name has more than two characters, the fourth byte of the descriptor shows the number of remaining characters. The additional characters are stored immediately after this byte, with 128 added to their ASCII codes. Thus, where the variable is named ABC, you will see the values 65 and 66 (ASCII codes for AB), 1 (the number of remaining characters), and 195 (128 + ASCII code for C). The final bytes in each descriptor, highlighted in reverse video, show the value given to each variable.

Array Variables

The *IBM BASIC Manual* gives few details about how and where array variables are stored. However, its memory map does show that scalars, arrays, and strings occupy three contiguous areas in memory. You can use these formulas to find the boundaries of each zone:

```
PEEK(&H358)+256*PEEK(&H359)
  Scalar variable space starts
PEEK(&H35A)+256*PEEK(&H35B)-1
  Scalar variable space ends
PEEK(&H35A)+256*PEEK(&H35B)
  Array space starts
PEEK(&H35C)+256*PEEK(&H35D)-1
  Array space ends
PEEK(&H35C)+256*PEEK(&H35D)
  String space starts
```

(Of course, the PEEKs won't return meaningful results until your variables have actually been declared. Prior to that time, the storage zones are empty, and the pointers all point to the same place.)

Like scalars, array variables can be any of four types: integer, string, single-precision, or double-precision. Thus, the first part of an array descriptor is the same as a scalar descriptor—first comes a type byte, followed by the characters of the array name—but additional bytes are needed to describe the more complex structure of an array. The two bytes after the name show the number of bytes needed to complete the array; this includes a description of the array's elements and dimensions, and the array data itself.

The next byte in the array descriptor (highlighted in reverse video) shows the number of dimensions in the array. For example, the statement `DIM A(2,200)` creates a two-dimensional array; the statement `DIM B(1,2,3,4,5,6)` creates an array with six dimensions. Although it's rarely necessary to use more than a few dimensions, IBM BASIC lets you define an array with as many as 255 of them.

The DIM statement that defines an array also specifies the maximum number of elements in each dimension. The array descriptor contains two more bytes for each dimension in the array, indicating the number of elements in that dimension. An array dimension may contain a maximum of 32,767 elements. If the number of elements is not specified, the default value of 10 elements is assigned.

Program 2 graphically illustrates array storage. Its display is similar to that of Program 1, using reverse video to highlight the area allocated for the array dimension and element numbers.

Lister Details

Strings stored in program lines may not be stored in string space. For example, say that your program has this line:

```
5 A$ = "A": B$ =  
  STRING$(2,CHR$(65))
```

Variable Lister reports both A\$ and B\$ as variables, but the string space is only two bytes long, since the character A for A\$ is stored in line 5

of the program where it is defined.

Functions defined in a program are indicated by the FN prefix and are listed last for the variable type. A function is shown by adding 128 to the code of the first character. If your program contains `DEF FNAA%`, Variable Lister displays 2, 193 (65+128), 65, 0. Where your program consists of the line `5 A% = 1:DEF FNA%(X,Y)=X^2+Y^2`, Variable Lister reports A, FNA, X, and Y as variables.

The program lists array dimensions exactly as defined in your DIM statement, independent of the OPTION BASE you have selected. If your program consists of the line `5 DIM A(2,2)`, the report should list A(2,2) and show 47 bytes occupied. If the program consists of `5 OPTION BASE 1: DIM A(2,2)`, the report should list A(2,2) and show 27 bytes occupied.

Keep in mind that string space is filled from the top of memory downward. To find the starting address of your stack area, use `PEEK(&H30A) + 256 * PEEK(&H30B)`. Use `PEEK(&H32F) + 256 * PEEK(&H330)` to find the current string space. To get an accurate report, you may first need to issue a `FRE("")` command as described in the manual.

Finally, Variable Lister cannot report any variable that your program does not actually use. Consider this example:

```
5 D$="12-31-84":IF  
  RIGHT$(D$,2)="89" THEN A=1
```

Since the IF condition can never be satisfied, the computer never executes `A=1`. Variable Lister reports only one variable—D\$.

If you would like a copy of this program, send a formatted disk with a self-addressed, postage-paid mailer and a check for \$3.00 to:

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Please refer to "COMPUTE's Guide to Typing In Programs" before entering these listings

Program 1: Scalar Variable Storage

```
100 KEY OFF:DEF SEG:COLOR 7,0  
  :CLS:PRINT "HOW SCALAR VA  
  RIBLES ARE STORED":PRINT  
  LE 110 A$="A":A$="B":ABC="0":ABCD="
```

```
1120 AD!:=PEEK(&H35B)+256*PEEK(  
  &H359)  
1130 PRINT "INTEGER STRI  
  NG SINGLE PREC.  
  DOUBLE PREC."  
1140 FOR J=1 TO 4  
1150 FOR I=0 TO PEEK(AD!)+PEEK  
  (AD!+3)+3  
1160 IF I>PEEK(AD!+3)+3 THEN C  
  OLDR 0,7 ELSE COLOR 7,0  
1170 K=PEEK(AD!+1)  
1180 LOCATE 1+5,15:(J-1)+1:PRI  
  NT USING "##" ;I;K;  
1190 NEXT I  
1200 AD!:=AD!+PEEK(AD!)+PEEK(AD  
  !+3)+4  
1210 NEXT J  
1220 COLOR 7,0  
1230 PRINT:PRINT "INTEGER A2=  
  0"  
1240 PRINT "STRING AB$="0"  
1250 PRINT "SINGLE PRECISION  
  ABC!=""  
1260 PRINT "DOUBLE PRECISION  
  ABCD=""  
1270 PRINT STRING$(5,CHR$(219)  
  );" DATA "  
1280 LOCATE 15,1
```

Program 2: Array Variable Storage

```
1000 KEY OFF:DEF SEG:COLOR 7,  
  0:CLS:PRINT "HOW ARRAYS  
  ARE STORED":PRINT  
1010 J=1:I=0:K=0:XLEN=0:DPTIO  
  N BASE 1: DECLARE ALL V  
  ARIBLES USED  
1020 DIM ABC$(1),ABC$(1),AB!  
  (2,1),AB(1): DECLARE SA  
  MPLE ARRAYS  
1030 AD!:=PEEK(&H35A)+256*PEEK  
  (&H35B)  
1040 PRINT TAB(2);"INTEGER":T  
  AB(1);"STRING":TAB(32);  
  "SINGLE PREC.":TAB(46);  
  "DOUBLE PREC."  
1050 WHILE AD!<PEEK(&H35C)+25  
  6*PEEK(&H35D)-1:XLEN=PEE  
  K(AD!+3)  
1060 FOR I=0 TO XLEN+5:PEEK(A  
  D!+XLEN+4)+256*PEEK(AD!  
  +XLEN+5)  
1070 IF I>XLEN+5 THEN COLOR 0  
  ,7 ELSE COLOR 7,0  
1080 IF I>XLEN+4+2*PEEK(AD!+X  
  LEN+6) THEN COLOR 7,0  
1090 K=PEEK(AD!+1)  
1100 LOCATE 1+5,15:(J-1)+1:PRI  
  NT USING "##" ;I;K;  
1110 NEXT I  
1120 AD!:=AD!+XLEN+6+PEEK(XLEN  
  +AD!+4)+256*PEEK(XLEN+AD  
  !+5):J=J+1  
1130 WEND  
1140 LOCATE 19,1:PRINT "VARIA  
  BLES":PRINT TAB(11);"AB  
  CD$(1)"  
1150 PRINT TAB(11);"ABC$(1)"  
1160 PRINT TAB(11);"AB!(2,1)"  
1170 PRINT TAB(11);"AB(1)"  
1180 PRINT "ARRAY DIMENSION A  
  NO ELEMENTS PER DIMENSIO  
  N";CHR$(219);CHR$(219);  
1190 COLOR 7,0  
1200 LOCATE 1,79
```

Program 3: Variable Lister

```
10 REM PROGRAM ANALYZES DATA  
  AREA AND PROVIDES A REPORT  
  ON  
20 REM 1. SCALAR VARIABLES  
30 REM 2. ARRAYS
```



```

IF 40 REM 3. AMOUNT OF MEMORY R
EQUIRED FOR VARIABLES
II 50 REM INTERNAL VARIABLES: AD
01,BAS,CTV,CTA,II,J31,XLE
N
LI 60 REM ARRAYS: IT
V1,VARNAMES,ARRNAMES,THPNA
ME$
M 70 DEF SEG:SCREEN 0:WIDTH 80:
COLOR 7,0:KEY OFF:CLS:ON E
RROR BODT 920
M 80 LOCATE 1,1:PRINT "SORTING
VARIABLES "
M 90 BAS:=DIM TESTARRAY(2):TES
TARRAY(0)=1: TEST FOR OPT
IDN BASE
M 100 ERASE TESTARRAY
M 110 AD0:=XLEN-0:CTV=-BAS:CT
A=-BAS:II:=0:J31=0:DIM IT
V(1-BAS):' DECLARE INTE
RNAL VAR.
M 120 AD0:=PEEK(MH350)+256*PEEK
(MH359): 'COUNT NUMBER OF
VARIABLES
M 130 CTV=CTV+1:XLEN=PEEK(AD0)+
3
M 140 AD0:=AD0+PEEK(AD0)+XLEN
+4
M 150 IF AD0<PEEK(MH35A)+256*P
EEK(MH35B)-1 GOTO 130
M 160 AD0:=PEEK(MH35A)+256*PEEK
(MH35B): ' COUNT NUMBER O
F ARRAYS
M 170 CTA=CTA+1:XLEN=PEEK(AD0)+
3
M 180 AD0:=AD0+XLEN+PEEK(AD0)+
4:XLEN)+256*PEEK(AD0)+5*X
LEN)+6
M 190 IF AD0<PEEK(MH350)+256*P
EEK(MH35D)-1 GOTO 170
M 200 DIM VARNAMES(CTA):ARRNAME
$(CTA): 'DECLARE STRINGS
FOR VAR. AND ARRAYS
M 210 GOSUB 590: 'GET ADDRESS D
F INTERNAL VARIABLES
M 220 CTV=-BAS:AD0:=PEEK(MH35B)
+256*PEEK(MH359)
M 230 XLEN=PEEK(AD0)+3:FOR I11
=-BAS TO 7-BAS:IF AD0=I
TV(111) GOTO 200
M 240 NEXT I11:CTV=CTV+1
M 250 VARNAMES(CTV)=STR$(PEEK(A
D0))+CHR$(PEEK(AD0+1)):
' SET TYPE AND NAME
M 260 IF PEEK(AD0+2)>0 THEN VAR
NAME$(CTV)=VARNAMES(CTV)
+CHR$(PEEK(AD0+2)):FOR I1
I=-BAS TO XLEN:VARNAMES(CTV
)=VARNAMES(CTV)+CHR$(PEEK
(AD0+3+I11)-128):NEXT I1
M 270 IF PEEK(AD0)=3 THEN VARN
AME$(CTV)=VARNAMES(CTV)+"
S"
M 280 AD0:=AD0+PEEK(AD0)+XLEN
+4
M 290 IF AD0<PEEK(MH35A)+256*P
EEK(MH35B)-1 GOTO 230
M 300 CTA=-BAS:AD0:=PEEK(MH35A)
+256*PEEK(MH35B)
M 310 XLEN=PEEK(AD0)+3:FOR I11
=-BAS TO 10-BAS:IF AD0=I
TV(111) GOTO 410
M 320 NEXT I11:CTA=CTA+1
M 330 ARRNAME$(CTA)=STR$(PEEK(A
D0))+CHR$(PEEK(AD0+1)):
' GET TYPE AND NAME
M 340 IF PEEK(AD0+2)=0 THEN AR
RNAME$(CTA)=ARRNAME$(CTA)
+CHR$(PEEK(AD0+2)):FOR I1
I=-BAS TO XLEN:ARRNAME$(CTA
)=ARRNAME$(CTA)+CHR$(PEEK
(AD0+3+I11)-128):NEXT I1
M 350 IF MID$(ARRNAME$(CTA),2,1
)!="3" THEN ARRNAME$(CTA)=
ARRNAME$(CTA)+"S"
M 360 ARRNAME$(CTA)=ARRNAME$(CT
A)+" "
M 370 FOR I11=PEEK(AD0)+XLEN+6
TO 1 STEP -1
M 380 ARRNAME$(CTA)=ARRNAME$(CT
A)+STR$(PEEK(AD0)+6+XLEN+
2+I11-1)+256*PEEK(AD0)+6+
XLEN+2+I11)-BAS)
M 390 IF I11=1 THEN ARRNAME$(CT
A)=ARRNAME$(CTA)+" " ELSE
ARRNAME$(CTA)=ARRNAME$(C
TA)+" "
M 400 NEXT I11
M 410 AD0:=AD0+XLEN+PEEK(AD0)+
4:XLEN)+256*PEEK(AD0)+5*X
LEN)+6
M 420 IF AD0<PEEK(MH350)+256*P
EEK(MH35D)-1 GOTO 310
M 430 ITV(1-BAS)=PEEK(MH35A)+2
56*PEEK(MH35B)-PEEK(MH35B
)+256*PEEK(MH359)-64
M 440 ITV(2-BAS)=PEEK(MH35C)+2
56*PEEK(MH35D)-PEEK(MH35A
)+256*PEEK(MH35B)-102-34(
CTA+CTV+2*BAS)
M 450 FOR I11=-BAS TO CTA:ARRN
AME$(I11)=RIGHT$(ARRNAME$
(I11),LEN(ARRNAME$(I11))-
1)
M 460 J31=INSTR(1,ARRNAME$(I11
),CHR$(32)):IF J31>0 THEN
ARRNAME$(I11)=LEFT$(ARRN
AME$(I11),J31-1)+MID$(ARRN
AME$(I11),J31+1,LEN(ARRN
AME$(I11))-J31)
M 470 IF J31>0 GOTO 460
M 480 NEXT I11:IF CTV=-1 THEN C
TV=0 ELSE IF CTV=0 THEN C
TV=1
M 490 CLS:DIM THPNAME$(CTV):FOR
I11=-BAS TO CTV:THPNAME
$(I11)=VARNAMES(I11):NEXT
I11
M 500 J31=CTV-1:GOSUB 820:I11=0
:GOSUB 860:GOSUB 940:ERAS
E THPNAME$:CLS:IF CTA=1
THEN CTA=0 ELSE IF CTA=0
THEN CTA=1
M 510 DIM THPNAME$(CTA):FOR I11
=-BAS TO CTA:THPNAME$(I11
)=ARRNAME$(I11):NEXT I11
M 520 J31=CTA-1:GOSUB 820:I11=1
:GOSUB 860:GOSUB 940:ERAS
E THPNAME$,VARNAMES,ARRNA
ME$:CLS
M 530 PRINT "STRING SPACE USED
",TAB(30)
M 540 AD0:=FRE(""):AD0:=PEEK(MH
30A)-PEEK(MH35F)+1+256*(P
EEK(MH30B)-PEEK(MH338)):P
RINT USING "#####",AD0
M 550 PRINT "SCALAR VARIABLE SP
ACE",TAB(30):PRINT USING
"#####",ITV(1-BAS)
M 560 PRINT "ARRAY SPACE",TAB(3
0):PRINT USING "#####",I
TV(2-BAS)
M 570 PRINT:PRINT "TOTAL VARIA
BLE SPACE",TAB(30):PRINT
USING "#####",ITV(1-BAS
)+"TV(2-BAS)+AD0":PRINT
" BYTES"
M 580 GOSUB 940:CLS:END
M 590 ITV(1-BAS)=VARPTR(AD0)-
5:'SUBROUTINE TO GET INTE
RNAL ADDRESSES
M 600 ITV(2-BAS)=VARPTR(XLEN)-
6
M 610 ITV(3-BAS)=VARPTR(CTV)-5
M 620 ITV(4-BAS)=VARPTR(CTA)-5
M 630 ITV(5-BAS)=VARPTR(II)-5
M 640 ITV(6-BAS)=VARPTR(J31)-5
M 650 ITV(7-BAS)=VARPTR(BAS)-5
M 660 ITV(8-BAS)=VARPTR(ITV(1
-BAS))-10
M 670 ITV(9-BAS)=VARPTR(VARNAM
E$(1-BAS))-14
M 680 ITV(10-BAS)=VARPTR(ARRNA
ME$(1-BAS))-14
M 690 FOR I11=-BAS TO 9-BAS:IF
ITV(11)>0 THEN ITV(11
)=2+16*ITV(11)
M 700 NEXT I11:RETURN
M 710 XLEN=0:FOR I11=1-BAS TO C
TV
M 720 IF MID$(THPNAME$(I11),1,2
)=$TR$(J31) AND MID$(THPNA
ME$(I11),3,1)<"a" THEN P
RINT MID$(THPNAME$(I11),3
,LEN(THPNAME$(I11))-2)+SP
ACE(2):XLEN=1
M 730 IF MID$(THPNAME$(I11),1,2
)=$TR$(J31) AND MID$(THPNA
ME$(I11),3,1)>"a" THEN P
RINT "FN"+CHR$(ASC(MID$(T
HPNAME$(I11),3,1))-128)+M
ID$(THPNAME$(I11),4,LEN(I
THPNAME$(I11))-2)+SPACE(2
):XLEN=1
M 740 NEXT I11
M 750 IF XLEN THEN PRINT "NON
E":PRINT:PRINT ELSE PRINT
:PRINT
M 760 RETURN
M 770 FOR I11=-BAS TO CTA
M 780 IF LEFT$(ARRNAME$(I11),1
)=$RIGHT$(STR$(J31),1) THEN
PRINT MID$(ARRNAME$(I11
),3,LEN(ARRNAME$(I11))-2)+
SPACE(2):XLEN=1
M 790 NEXT I11
M 800 IF XLEN=0 THEN PRINT "NON
E":PRINT:PRINT ELSE PRINT
:PRINT
M 810 XLEN=0:RETURN
M 820 XLEN=1:WHILE XLEN=XLEN=0
M 830 FOR I11=-BAS TO J31
M 840 IF THPNAME$(I11)>THPNAME$
(I11+1) THEN SWAP THPNAME
$(I11),THPNAME$(I11+1):XL
EN=1
M 850 NEXT I11:WEND:RETURN
M 860 IF I11=0 THEN PRINT "VARI
ABLE SPACE "ITV(1-BAS):
"BYTES",THPNAME$(1-BAS):
"ARRAY SPACE ":ITV(2-B
AS):"BYTES OPTION BAS
":ABS(1-BAS):THPNAME$="ARRAYS
"
M 870 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT "
INTEGER "+THPNAME$+" - ":J31
+2:IF THPNAME$="" THEN GOSUB
710 ELSE GOSUB 770
M 880 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT "STRING
"+THPNAME$+" - ":J31+3:IF T
HPNAME$="" THEN GOSUB 710 EL
S GOSUB 770
M 890 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT "SINGLE
PRECISION "+THPNAME$+" - ":J
31+4:IF THPNAME$="" THEN G
OSUB 710 ELSE GOSUB 770
M 900 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT "DOUBLE
PRECISION "+THPNAME$+" - ":J
31+6:IF THPNAME$="" THEN G
OSUB 710 ELSE GOSUB 770
M 910 RETURN
M 920 IF ERR=9 AND ERL=90 THEN
BAS=0:RESUME NEXT
M 930 ON ERROR GOTO 0
M 940 LOCATE 25,1:PRINT "PRESS
ANY KEY TO CONTINUE":
M 950 K$=INKEY$:IF K$="" GOTO
950 ELSE RETURN

```

Apple IIc RAM Disk Mover

Part 2

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Last month, Part 1 of this two-part series demonstrated the RAM disk and subdirectory options with ProDOS and the Apple IIc. This month's article presents a utility program which rapidly copies a number of programs from a floppy disk to the RAM disk, greatly speeding up the preparations required for using the RAM disk.

The discussion in Part 1 was a bit on the theoretical side, but this month we tackle the practical side. "RAM Disk Mover" is a program which automates the processes described in Part 1. It adds a few little twists, however. Here is how RAM Disk Mover works:

1. First it looks for the PROGRAMS subdirectory on your floppy disk. If PROGRAMS is not found, RAM Disk Mover instructs you to insert another disk.

2. Next, it looks in the RAM drive for the PROGRAMS subdirectory. If PROGRAMS is not found, RAM Disk Mover creates the subdirectory. If PROGRAMS is found, it deletes all of the files in PROGRAMS. This makes room for the new programs.

3. RAM Disk Mover goes back to the floppy PROGRAMS subdirectory. Then it saves the name and length (in blocks) of each BASIC program. It stops when there are no more BASIC programs or when the number of blocks exceeds the capacity of the RAM drive (118 blocks, considering the directories).

4. Using this list of BASIC programs, RAM Disk Mover builds an EXEC file containing a series of LOAD and SAVE commands. The EXEC file is named TEMP.EXEC and is stored in the volume directory of the floppy with which RAM Disk Mover is currently working.

5. RAM Disk Mover adds a RUN command as the last line of the EXEC file. The program specified by the variable P1\$ will start automatically when the copy operation is

finished. Right now, P1\$ is set up for STARTUP.RAM. You can change this to whatever program name you want.

6. After building the EXEC file, RAM Disk Mover clears the screen and informs you that all is well. Then the EXEC file starts up. At this point, programs are actually moved from floppy disk to RAM disk. Your startup program will run and you'll be in business.

Preparing The Mover

RAM Disk Mover requires little, if any, of your attention while it runs. Your biggest job is to organize your disks so that Mover can access them properly.

Here are some guidelines for trouble-free operation:

Format some disks so you'll always have some spares handy. Use whatever volume labels suit you.

As you format the disks, be sure to establish the PROGRAM and DATA subdirectories.

Place a copy of Mover in the volume directory of each disk. Mover does not require much space.

Place all of the BASIC programs you want Mover to copy in the PROGRAMS subdirectory. Don't forget that the RAM disk has a limit of about 61K or 120 blocks. If you think you will exceed this limit, place some of the programs on a second disk.

Putting It To Work

Now for the actual operation. It's simple:

1. Always make sure your IIc is turned on, that ProDOS is ready, and that you're in Applesoft.

2. Place your program disk in the internal disk drive.

3. Type either RUN MOVER or -MOVER. RAM Disk Mover will take over from there. It tells you the name of each program it is copying, then starts the EXEC file. As the EXEC file runs, you will see a series

of open brackets displayed. This means all is well.

4. When the EXEC file is done, the STARTUP.RAM program will begin running if it is present.

5. At this point, you can remove your floppy disk from the disk drive. You can insert a data disk and have the entire 140K free for data storage.

Now What?

RAM Disk Mover has done its job. The BASIC programs have been moved over to the RAM disk. Now, how do you get to the programs?

If you want to run a program, you can type:

```
RUN /RAM/PROGRAMS/program-  
name  
or  
- /RAM/PROGRAMS/program-name
```

Perhaps typing all this seems a bit tedious. You can use the PREFIX command:

```
PREFIX /RAM/PROGRAMS
```

Now whenever you want to run a program, you can just type RUN followed by the program name. /RAM/PROGRAMS/ is automatically appended to the front of the name.

A caution is in order, however. Suppose that your program performs some file operations. If the input/output statements do not include a full path name, the prefix will also be applied to your data file commands. This will cause your program to try to read or write to the RAM disk—probably not what you intended. Remember this when using the PREFIX command.

You can also use the usual LOAD and SAVE commands, of course. But this time a warning is in order. Yes, you can recall a program from the RAM disk, work on it, test the revisions, and store it back in the RAM disk. Just don't forget it's only a RAM disk. If the power goes kaplooney, then your program goes kaplooney along with it. If you make important changes to a program,

save the new version on a real live disk. The RAM disk is best for programs you just want to run.

Oops!

On occasion things can go wrong—especially where computers are concerned. Here are a few gotchas. Watch out for them.

- RAM Disk Mover is designed for an Apple IIc and ProDOS. It uses the 80-column display capability of the IIc. If the display looks funny, make sure your computer is in the 80-column mode.

- Mover attempts to use all of the available RAM drive space. It will clean up /RAM/PROGRAMS, but it is not aware of anything else that you may have in the RAM drive. If you run out of room, ProDOS will tell you about it loudly and clearly.

- There can be problems writing the EXEC file. Do not remove your program disk until RAM Disk Mover is finished with it. Do not write-protect it, either. Finally, leave a few blocks free for Mover's use. That EXEC file has to go somewhere.

Additional Hints

Programs can run other programs. If the programs are in the RAM disk, switching from program to program is almost instantaneous. Here's an example:

```
10 REM PROGRAM1
20 OS=CHR$(4)
30 PRINT "PROGRAM 1 IS RUNNING"
40 PRINT OS;"-RAM/PROGRAMS/PROG
  RAH2"

10 REM PROGRAM2
20 OS=CHR$(4)
30 PRINT "PROGRAM 2 IS RUNNING"
40 PRINT OS;"-RAM/PROGRAMS/PROG
  RAL1"
```

How about that! Keep this technique in mind when you are writing that huge program that eats all the available program space. The way out is to think small and think RAM drive. ProDOS even has a CHAIN statement that permits variables to be passed between programs.

If you would like to learn more about ProDOS, find a copy of Apple's BASIC Programming with ProDOS. It covers all the ProDOS features available from Applesoft BASIC.

Apple IIc RAM Disk Mover

```
100 REM MOVE /.../PROGRAMS TO /
  RAM/PROGRAMS (MOVER)
110 REM
120 PF$ = "/RAM/PROGRAMS/"
```

```
130 P1$ = "STARTUP.RAM"
140 RB = 118: REM /RAM BLOCKS A
  AVAILABLE
150 NP = 50: REM MAX PROGRAMS
160 DIM PNM(NP)
170 HOME 10$ = CHR$(4): PRINT
  OS;"PRG3"
180 GOSUB 330: REM TITLE
190 GOTO 400: REM OPEN DIRECTOR
  Y
200 GOTO 650: REM CREATE /RAM D
  IRECTORY
210 GOSUB 860: REM MOVE PROGRAM
  S
220 REM
230 REM THE EXEC PROGRAM WILL M
  OVE THE PROGRAMS
240 REM
250 HOME
260 VTAB 12: HTAB 1: PRINT "Run
  ning the EXEC copy program
  ... "
270 FOR I = 1 TO 1000: NEXT
280 PRINT OS;"EXEC ";FL$
290 HOME
300 VTAB 12: HTAB 1: PRINT "Pro
  grams are being copied to:"
  ;PF$
310 FOR I = 1 TO 1000: NEXT
320 END
330 REM PROGRAM TITLE
340 UL$ = "": FOR I = 1 TO RB:U
  L$ = UL$ + " ": NEXT
350 TL$ = "DISK TO /RAM PROGRAM
  MOVER"
360 HOME: VTAB 1: HTAB 1: PRIN
  T UL$
370 VTAB 3: HTAB (80 - LEN (TL$
  )) / 2: PRINT TL$
380 VTAB 4: HTAB 1: PRINT UL$
390 RETURN
400 REM OPEN /.../PROGRAMS DIRE
  CTORY
410 GOSUB 590: REM GET VOLUME L
  ABEL
420 CR$ = VL$ + "PROGRAMS/"
430 VTAB 6: HTAB 1: PRINT "Movi
  ng programs from ";DR$
440 ONERR GOTO 410
450 PRINT OS;"OPEN ";DR$;"TOIR
  "
460 POKE 216,0: REM NORMAL ERR
470 GOTO 200
480 POKE 216,0: REM NORMAL ERR
490 CALL - 328B: REM FIX STACK
500 VTAB 8: HTAB 1: PRINT "The
  directory "/PROGRAMS/" is n
  ot on the diskette ";VL$
510 VTAB 10: HTAB 1: PRINT "Ins
  ert the proper diskette."
520 VTAB 12: HTAB 1: PRINT "Pre
  ss SPACE to continue. Pres
  s RETURN to stop."
530 GET C$: IF C$ < > " " AND C
  $ < > CHR$(13) THEN 530
540 FOR I = 6 TO 12 STEP 2
550 VTAB I: HTAB 1: PRINT SPC(
  79): CHR$(13)
560 NEXT
570 IF C$ = CHR$(13) THEN STOP
580 GOTO 400
590 REM GET VOLUME LABEL
600 PRINT OS;"PREFIX /"
610 PRINT OS;"PREFIX"
620 INPUT VL$
630 PRINT OS
640 RETURN
650 REM CREATE /RAM/PROGRAMS/
660 VTAB 8: HTAB 1: PRINT "Movi
  ng programs to ";PF$
670 ONERR GOTO 820
680 PRINT OS;"OPEN ";P1$;"TOIR
  "
```

```
690 PRINT OS;"READ ";PF$
700 INPUT L1$
710 INPUT L2$
720 INPUT L3$
730 INPUT L4$: IF L4$ = "" THEN
  770
740 TS = MID$(L4$,2,15)
750 NP = NP + 1:PNM(NP) = TS
760 GOTO 730
770 PRINT OS;"CLOSE ";PF$
780 FOR I = 1 TO NP
790 PRINT OS;"DELETE ";PF$;PNM(
  I)
800 NEXT
810 GOTO 210
820 POKE 216,0: REM DIRECTORY N
  OT PRESENT
830 CALL - 328B: REM FIX STACK
840 PRINT OS;"CREATE ";PF$
850 GOTO 210
860 REM MOVE PROGRAMS
870 NP = 0: REM NUMBER OF PROGR
  AMS
880 BC = 0: REM BLOCK COUNT
890 PRINT OS;"READ ";DR$
900 INPUT L1$: REM DIRECTORY NA
  ME
910 INPUT L2$: REM TITLE LINE
920 INPUT L3$: REM BLANK LINE
930 INPUT L4$: REM FILE ENTRY
940 IF L4$ = "" THEN 970
950 GOSUB 1000: REM SAVE PGM NA
  MES
960 GOTO 930
970 PRINT OS;"CLOSE"
980 GOSUB 1160: REM BUILD EXEC
  FILE
990 RETURN
1000 REM SAVE PGM NAMES
1010 IF MID$(L4$,18,3) < > "BA
  S" THEN 1150
1020 NP = NP + 1
1030 IF NP > NP THEN 1150
1040 BC = BC + VAL ( MID$(L4$,
  23,6))
1050 IF BC > RB THEN 1150
1060 TS = MID$(L4$,2,15)
1070 FOR K = 15 TO 1 STEP - 1
1080 IF MID$(TS,K,1) < > " " T
  HEN 1100
1090 NEXT
1100 PNM(NP) = LEFT$(TS,K)
1110 IF PNM(NP) = P1$ THEN SU =
  1
1120 VTAB 10: HTAB 1: PRINT SPC
  ( 79): CHR$(13)
1130 VTAB 10: HTAB 1: PRINT "Co
  pying ";PNM(NP);" ..."
1140 FOR K = 1 TO 500: NEXT
1150 RETURN
1160 REM BUILD EXEC FILE
1170 VTAB 10: HTAB 1: PRINT SPC
  ( 79): CHR$(13)
1180 VTAB 10: HTAB 1: PRINT "Bu
  ilding EXEC copy program.
  ..."
1190 FL$ = "TEMP.EXEC"
1200 PRINT OS;"OPEN ";FL$
1210 PRINT OS;"CLOSE ";FL$
1220 PRINT OS;"DELETE ";FL$
1230 PRINT OS;"OPEN ";FL$
1240 PRINT OS;"WRITE ";FL$
1250 FOR I = 1 TO NP
1260 PRINT "LOAD ";VL$;"PROGRAM
  S";PF$;PNM(I)
1270 PRINT "SAVE ";PF$;PNM(I)
1280 NEXT
1290 IF SU = 1 THEN PRINT "-";P
  F$;P1$
1300 PRINT "PRINT";PRINT"
1310 PRINT OS;"CLOSE"
1320 RETURN
```

Commodore Disk Editor

Martin Sikes

Examine or edit any sector on a disk with this short, useful program for the Commodore 64 and 1541 disk drive. Recommended for intermediate to advanced users.

One of the best ways to learn about disk storage is to look at the actual contents of sectors on the disk. "Commodore Disk Editor" lets you do just that and even change the contents if you wish. Equipped with this tool, you can repair garbled disks, retrieve accidentally scratched files, as well as protect your programs against tampering by others.

To make the most of Disk Editor, you'll need to know at least the basics of Commodore disk storage. Consult your *1541 User's Manual*. Additional information also is available in various books and programming guides. Even without advanced knowledge, however, you can perform some interesting tricks. A few examples are given below.

To get started, type in the program and save it. When running it for the first time, put an *unimportant disk in the drive*. Making mistakes with a program like this can scramble a disk and render it useless. Until you have gained some experience, practice on an unimportant disk. Make a backup copy of any important disk before you try to alter it.

Reading And Editing Blocks

Disk Editor begins by prompting you to enter track and sector numbers of the block of data you want to examine. Commodore 1541 disks

have 35 tracks, and each track contains a number of sectors. (The terms *sector* and *block* are often used interchangeably to describe a 256-byte data area on the disk.) The available track and sector numbers are listed below. Tracks 1-17 each have 21 sectors, numbered 0-20, and so on.

Tracks	Sectors
1-17	0-20
18-24	0-18
25-30	0-17
31-35	0-16

To choose a particular sector, you must enter two numbers separated by a comma. The program does not let you enter nonexistent track or sector values, with the exception noted below. For example, enter 18,1 and press RETURN to examine track 18, sector 1 (this block holds the first part of the disk directory). Disk Editor reads that block from the disk and displays its contents at the top of the screen.

Disk Editor displays the block using the upper-/lowercase character mode. Thus, the values on the screen correspond to the numbers in your *64 User's Guide* screen code table: A zero is displayed as an @ character, 13 as a lowercase m, and so on.

The next prompt asks whether you want to edit the block displayed on the screen. Press Y to edit, or N to choose another sector. If you select Y, press the cursor keys to move the blinking cursor atop the character you want to change. Then type in the new character over the old one. For instance, if the first filename in your directory is DOG, you can change the name to BOG simply by typing SHIFT-B over the D.

When your editing is complete,

you again have two options. You can press RETURN to write the changed block back to the disk, or press the F1 special function key to escape the editing mode without changing anything on the disk. In either case, you'll return to the first prompt, so you can read the same sector again to verify your changes or proceed to another sector. To exit the program, enter track 99, sector 99 at the first prompt. These are the only nonexistent track and sector numbers that Disk Editor allows you to enter.

Don't Boggle The BAM

You've already seen how to change filenames by editing directory blocks. The disk name can be changed just as easily, by editing track 18, sector 0. Note that these names cannot be more than 16 characters long.

Sector 0 of track 18 contains the *Block Availability Map*, or BAM—important information about the organization of programs on the disk. It's very easy to damage files by improperly changing things in this sector. Until you're familiar with the BAM, avoid changing anything in this sector other than the disk name.

You may notice that a copy of the disk ID follows the disk name in the BAM. However, you *cannot* change the disk ID by changing this value in the BAM. (You can change the value of the ID shown in sector 0, but this won't change the disk ID; there's no way to do that without reformatting the disk.)

Hidden Programs

Lots of tricks are possible with Disk Editor. Perhaps you'd like to conceal a program's name to make it difficult for others to find in the

directory. Directory lists are displayed on the screen with the equivalent of PRINT, so it's easy to disrupt the list by inserting control characters in a filename.

For instance, you might conceal the filename DOG by adding three delete characters after the name. The ASCII table in your 64 User's Guide tells you that a delete character has a value of 20. This corresponds to lowercase t in the screen code table, so you simply type three t's after DOG. Now the program appears as "" when you list the directory. But you can still load the program with the filename DOG or DOG???. It can also be loaded with the line AS="DOG" + CHR\$(20) + CHR\$(20) + CHR\$(20): LOAD AS\$,8.

Most characters are easily entered from the keyboard. To enter a reverse video character, press CTRL-9 before typing the character. Disturb reverse video by pressing CTRL-0.

Like many protection methods, of course, these simple tricks are only effective against people who know less than you do. It's not very difficult to write a BASIC program that displays a directory without using PRINT statements. If your friends also are familiar with Disk Editor, your attempts at concealment will be utterly transparent. Nevertheless, such methods should be sufficient to deter casual users.

As your knowledge grows, you'll find more practical uses for Disk Editor, such as changing the file type to prevent a program from being scratched. You can also copy blocks from one disk to another, store data directly in unused disk sectors, and restore damaged files to their original condition.

Commodore Disk Editor

Please refer to "COMPUTE's Guide to Typing in Programs" before entering this listing.

```
10 REM BLOCK EDIT :rem 214
20 FORK=0 TO 26:READA:POKEB20+X,
  A:NEXT :rem 215
30 DATA 162,2,32,198,255,160,0
  ,32,207 :rem 16
40 DATA 255,153,0,4,169,1,153,
  0,216 :rem 170
50 DATA 200,208,242,162,1,32,1
  90,255 :rem 228
60 DATA 96 :rem 239
70 PRINT"[CLR]"[CYN]*:POKE53281
  ,0:POKE53288,9 :rem 2
```

```
80 POKE 53272,23:PRINTCHR$(0)
  :rem 124
90 OPEN 1,0:OPEN15,8,15 :rem 240
100 GOSUB398 :rem 172
110 INPUT"ENTER TRACK, SECTOR"
  :T,S :rem 227
120 IFT=99THEN470 :rem 239
130 IFT<10R0>200T>35THEN100
  :rem 211
140 IFT>17ANDT<25ANDS>18THEN100
  :rem 117
150 IFT>24ANDT<31ANDS>17THEN100
  :rem 112
160 IFT>30ANDS>16THEN100 :rem 166
170 OPEN 2,8,2,"4" :rem 81
180 PRINT#15,"U1:"2;0;T;S :rem 153
190 SYS820:CLOSE2:GOSUB420:GOS
  UB398 :rem 186
200 INPUT"EDIT AND SAVE? [RVS]
  Y[OFF]ES OR [RVS]N[OFF]O":
  AS:IFA$<"Y"THEN100 :rem 105
220 POKE254,PEEK(1024):GOSUB33
  0:PRINT"[WIT]" :rem 103
230 PRINT"USE THE CURSOR TO TY
  PE OVER THE BLOCK.
  [2 SPACES]IF YOU MAKE A MI
  STAKE, DO " :rem 160
240 PRINT"NOT PRESS[5 SPACES]R
  ETURN. PRESS THE F1 FUNCTI
  ON KEY." :rem 85
250 POKE781,0:POKE782,0:SYS655
  20 :rem 99
260 POKE204,0:WAIT198,255:WAIT
  207,1:POKE1024,PEEK(254) :rem 100
280 GETA$:IFPEEK(203)=0THEN200
  :rem 233
290 IFA$=CHR$(13)THENWAIT207,1
  :POKE204,1:GOTO340 :rem 66
300 IFA$=CHR$(133)THEN330 :rem 114
310 POKE205,3:WAIT207,1:PRINTA
  $:GOTO260 :rem 144
330 CLOSE1:CLOSE15:OPEN15,8,15
  ,10":CLOSE15:PRINT"[CLR]
  [2 DOWN]OK":GOSUB460:GOTO70
  :rem 162
340 OPEN2,8,2,"4":PRINT"[HOME]
  [14 DOWN][RVS]SAVING TRACK
  "T"SECTOR"S" :rem 136
350 FORK=0 TO 254:PRINT#2,CHR$(P
  EEK(1025+K)):NEXT:PRINT#2,
  CHR$(PEEK(1024)):rem 163
360 PRINT#15,"U2:"2;0;T;S:CLOS
  E2 :rem 124
370 AS="" :GOSUB420:GOTO100 :rem 212
380 PRINT"[HOME]"[6 DOWN]" :rem 229
390 PRINTCHR$(5):FORK=0 TO 39:P
  RINTCHR$(162):NEXT:PRINTC
  HR$(159) :rem 254
400 FORK=1 TO 100:PRINT"
  [5 SPACES]":NEXT :rem 52
410 PRINT"[HOME]"[7 DOWN]" :RETR
  RN :rem 10
420 INPUT#15,A,B$,C,D :rem 141
430 IF B$="OK"THEN RETURN :rem 102
440 PRINTA:BS:C:D:POKE53281,9
  :rem 213
450 FORK=1 TO 2000:NEXT:POKE5328
  1,0:GOTO100 :rem 240
460 FORK=1 TO 2000:NEXT:RETURN
  :rem 63
470 PRINT"OK":CLOSE1:PRINT#15,
  "10":CLOSE15:rem 71
```

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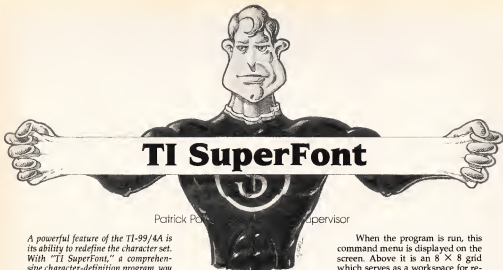
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A powerful feature of the TI-99/4A is its ability to redefine the character set. With "TI SuperFont," a comprehensive character-definition program, you can harness this capability. Requires Extended BASIC and a joystick (printer optional).

The character graphics capabilities of the TI-99/4A are well known. But to redefine a character on the TI by the usual means (see the *TI User's Reference Guide*, pages II-76 to II-79), you must follow a tedious, multi-step procedure. First, you plot the character in an 8 × 8 grid. Next, you convert each row of the grid into a two-digit hexadecimal number and then sequentially combine the numbers from each row to generate a *pattern identifier*, or coded representation of the character. Finally, you place this pattern identifier along with a chosen ASCII value for the character in a CALL CHAR statement. Anyone who has repeatedly endured this process can attest to its drudgery.

Fortunately, the process is easily computerized, and several character-definition programs have been written for the TI. Until now, however, these programs have not taken full advantage of the TI's capabilities. With "TI SuperFont" (Program 1), once-tedious character manipulations can now be undertaken with ease.

Sixteen Commands

SuperFont, originally written for the Atari by Charles Brannon, first ap-

peared in the January 1982 issue of *COMPUTE!* and featured 18 commands for redefining characters. After using this outstanding program on several occasions, I was convinced that TI users deserved a utility as versatile and convenient. That's how TI SuperFont was born.

In converting SuperFont, a few commands with less value to the TI user were eliminated while certain more practical commands were added. As it turned out, the real challenge was to fit the program into a TI without memory expansion. The final version leaves only a hundred or so bytes to spare. However, certain adjustments must be made if you are using a disk drive with the program. Before loading and running SuperFont, type CALL FILES(1). This will free up memory ordinarily reserved for additional disk file manipulation.

TI SuperFont offers the following 16 commands or modes:

E	EDIT	N	INPUT
R	RESTORE CH	H	RESTORE CHSET
F	COPY	W	WRITE DATA
M	MIRROR	V	REVERSE
A	ROTATE	C	CLEAR
I	INSERT	D	DELETE
L	LOAD FONT	S	SAVE FONT
P	PRINT CH	T	PRINT CHSET

When the program is run, this command menu is displayed on the screen. Above it is an 8 × 8 grid which serves as a workspace for redefining each character. To the right of the grid, the current mode and, in some cases, a prompt will be displayed. Below this is printed the entire TI character set (codes 32-143) with each subset (eight characters) denoted by a different background color. (If you find the colors annoying, remove the FOR-NEXT loop in line 300.)

Several commands require that you pick a character from the TI character set. In these instances, a box-shaped sprite (CHRS(143)) appears over the last character referenced from the set (defaults to space). Position the sprite with the joystick over the desired character and press the fire button. Unless indicated otherwise, each command returns you to the EDIT mode upon completion.

Now let's examine each command, beginning with EDIT. (The ALPHA-LOCK key should be up when making menu selections.)

• **EDIT** is the basic editing command. After you press E, SuperFont requests you to choose a character from the character set. The character selected is copied into the grid and the box-shaped sprite appears. This is actually like a cursor, controlled with the joystick. Press the fire button to set a point (if a point is clear) or reset a point (if a point is already set). You can draw lines by holding down the button while moving the joystick. When you're pleased with

the appearance of the shape in the grid, press ENTER to redefine the character. (To completely redesign a character from scratch, use the CLEAR command, described below.)

- **INPUT** lets you type in a pattern identifier and assign it to a particular character code. After selecting INPUT, choose a character from the set with the joystick and then type in the hexadecimal code for the redefined character. The hexadecimal code can be typed in upper- or lowercase (a routine at line 960 automatically converts the code to uppercase). The INPUT command is handy when attempting to associate a pattern identifier with a CHR\$ code in someone else's program.

- **RESTORE CH** restores the current character to its original configuration. This command is useful if you've mangled a character or changed the wrong one.

- **RESTORE CHSET** restores the entire character set to its initial appearance.

- **COPY** copies a character to a second location in the character set. SuperFont prompts you for the first character (the one to be moved) and the second character (the destination character). This command is handy for arranging your customized characters to fit the various color codes.

- **WRITE DATA** displays the pattern identifier for each selected character along with its ASCII value. Very handy when comparing characters or for providing a few character codes for another program.

- **MIRROR** produces a mirror image of the current character in the grid.

- **REVERSE** puts the current character in the grid in reverse field: All dots become blanks, and all blanks become dots.

- **ROTATE** turns the current character 90 degrees clockwise.

- **CLEAR** completely clears out the current character. For creating new characters from scratch.

- **INSERT** places a row of blanks in the current character. Move the cursor in the grid with the joystick to the row where you wish to insert the blanks and press ENTER. All rows below will scroll down and the bottom row will be lost.

- **DELETE** is the opposite of INSERT.

Position the cursor on a row in the grid and press ENTER. The row will be eliminated and all other rows will scroll upward. DELETE and INSERT can be used with ROTATE to scroll characters left or right in the grid (of course, one row will be lost in both cases).

- **LOAD FONT** loads a previously SAVED character set (a font) from tape or disk. SuperFont prompts you for the device and filename. Be sure to type this in the standard format (that is, CS1 or DSK1.FILENAME). Again, capital letters need not be used. The routine that converts from lower- to uppercase takes care of this for you. If you're using tape, the screen will be restored after the tape system messages have been printed (the same occurs with SAVE FONT, discussed below). When loading is complete, a command prompt appears.

- **SAVE FONT** saves to tape or disk (in a data file format) only those characters which have been altered since SuperFont was run. Since each character code is saved as a separate record, a large set may take 30 minutes to save. As with LOAD FONT, you will be prompted for the device and filename. If you accidentally hit L (for LOAD FONT) or S from the main menu, simply press ENTER to abort the command when prompted for the device and filename.

Once saved, character sets can be loaded into any program where they're needed (we'll consider this in greater detail shortly). As with LOAD FONT, a command prompt appears when the operation is complete.

- **PRINT CH** prints the current character in an 8 x 8 grid along with its ASCII and pattern identifier codes, then returns you to the main menu. Be sure to modify line 1260 to correspond to the specifications of your printer.

- **PRINT CHSET** is the same as the previous command, except it prints every character which has been modified.

The commands offered by Superfont are versatile, but you may want to add others. Since the program uses most of the TI's memory, unless you have additional RAM you'll have to substitute your own routine for an existing one. Fortunately, the program is modular in



Redesigning a character with "TI SuperFont."

structure. Just follow the branching IF statements from line 360 to 920 for the current commands. If you do alter the program, test it thoroughly to make sure you still have plenty of memory left.

Retrieving A Font Or Screen

After you've saved a newly created character set, how do you go about recovering it for use in another program? Program 2 shows how this is done.

In line 130, the device and filename for the character set file is defined as B\$ (the filename used here is FONT). If you store this file on tape rather than disk, line 130 should read B\$="CS1". Lines 140-160 load in the new character set and print it on the screen. Line 170 sets up a delay so you can see that the character set has successfully loaded.

With SuperFont, you can perform many chores with ease. You can customize your character set (ever wished for true lowercase?), create graphics characters and animated figures (space creatures!), or just play around. The uses of this utility are endless. I'm sure you'll have as much fun discovering them as I have.

Program 1: TI SuperFont

```
10 DIM A$(111),C$(15),N$(11)
20 D(15),V(8,8): L=32
20 E=15: IS="DEV: FILEN
AME?" : GOSUB 1240 : B
O 0 260
30 F=0 : GOSUB 40 : GOTO
340
40 CALL HCHAR(5,14,L,16):
RETURN
50 CALL HCHAR(3,17,L,7): C
ALL HCHAR(7,17,L,16): R
ETURN
60 FOR I=5 TO 7 : CALL HCH
```



```

1070 IF S<>0 THEN F=1 : IF
M=111 THEN RETURN ELSE
E CALL DELSPRITE(1):
RETURN
1080 IF KK=18 THEN CALL SOU
NO(10,110,2): : GOSUB 4
0 : : CALL DELSPRITE(1)
: : RETURN
1090 GOTO 900
1100 DISPLAY AT(11,1): "E EO
IT":TAB(14): "N INPUT"
1110 DISPLAY AT(12,1): "R RE
STORE CH":TAB(14): "H R
ESTDRE CHSET"
1120 DISPLAY AT(13,1): "F CO
PY":TAB(14): "W WRITE D
ATA"
1130 DISPLAY AT(14,1): "M MI
RROR":TAB(14): "V REVER
SE"
1140 DISPLAY AT(15,1): "A RD
TATE":TAB(14): "C CLEAR"
1150 DISPLAY AT(16,1): "I IN
SER":TAB(14): "D DELET
E"
1160 DISPLAY AT(17,1): "L LD
AD FONT":TAB(14): "S SA
VE FONT"
1170 DISPLAY AT(18,1): "P PR
INT CH":TAB(14): "T PRI
NT CHSET" : : RETURN
1180 FOR I=0 TO 5 STEP 2 : :
CALL HCHAR(7,17+I,M) : :
NEXT I : : RETURN
1190 R=20 : C=2 : M=L : :
CALL SPRITE(01,143,2,R
80+1,C80+1): : RETURN
1200 GOSUB 50 : : CALL HCHAR
(3,17,M-L) : IF T=1 TH
EN DISPLAY AT(5,15): "P
ICK A CHAR" : : T=0
1210 RETURN
1220 DISPLAY AT(5,15): D0 : :
ACCEPT AT(5,27)BEEP V
ALIDATE("yn")SIZE(1):Z
$ : : IF Z$="y" THEN T=
1
1230 RETURN
1240 CALL CLEAR : : CALL SCR
EEN(E): : DISPLAY AT(12
,7): "LOADING CHARPATS"
: : FOR I=127 TO 140 : :
CALL CHAR(I,""): : NE
XT I
1250 FOR I=L TO 140 : : CALL
CHARPAT(1,A$(I-L)): :
N$(I-L)=A$(I-L): : NEXT
I : : RETURN
1260 DISPLAY AT(13,15): "PRIN
T" : : OPEN #1:"R5232/2
-BA-V600.DA-D.PA-N"
1270 TMW : : IF H=1 THEN 13
00
1280 FOR T=L TO 143 : : IF N
$(T-L)<>A$(T-L) THEN W=
T ELSE 1350
1290 E=E+1 : : E=(E-17)*14+E
: : CALL SCREEN(E)
1300 IF ((F=1)*(H=1))*-(H=0)
THEN GOSUB 70 : : GOSUB
1100
1310 FOR R=2 TO 9 : : IF R=5
THEN PRINT #1:TAB(5):

```

Program 2: Character Set Loader

```

100 'GAMF
110 'GET REDEFINED CHARS
120 CALL CLEAR
130 B$="DSK1.FONT"
140 OPEN #1:B$,INTERNAL,INP
UT,FILED
150 INPUT #1:F,NEMA$ : : IF
F<>112 THEN CALL CHAR(F
+32,NEMA$): : PRINT CHR$
(F+32): : GOTO 150
160 CLDSE #1
170 FOR T=1 TO 1000 : : NEXT
T

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Apple ProDOS Variable Lister

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This fast machine language utility takes the pain out of debugging BASIC programs by listing the current value of every program variable. You can also make a hardcopy of the variable list. ProDOS is required.

How many times have you run a program, only to get a message like OVERFLOW ERROR IN 240, or worse yet, BAD SUBSCRIPT ERROR IN 240? When you list the line in question, it may look something like this:

```
240 A$(X+XZ,2*(B/4-C+1),B/4)
    = STR$(Z)
```

To locate the error, you'll need to type PRINT X, followed by PRINT XZ and so on, to find the current value of each variable. This is a slow, tedious way to debug a program, especially when you find that some of these variables were defined with other formulas.

"Apple Variable Lister" takes the drudgery out of such debugging tasks by quickly listing the current value of every variable in your program. The program is written in machine language and works on any Apple II series computer with ProDOS.

You can use this utility even if you don't understand machine language: The BASIC loader program listed below creates the machine language and saves it on your disk. Type in the loader, and save a copy before you run it in case you made a typing error. The program has a checksum to catch errors and identify any lines that have mistakes. If no errors are found, it prints OK and saves the utility with the filename VAR.LIST on your disk as a binary file.

Once this is done, you're ready to use the lister. Enter BLOAD VAR.LIST to load it into memory, followed by HIMEM: 31000 to set the top of memory. You will ordinarily want to do this at the beginning of a programming session. To list your variables, simply type CALL 32000 and press RETURN. The same command can run the routine from with-

in a BASIC program. To make a hardcopy of the variable list, enter PR#1 before calling the routine.

A Chronological List

Variable Lister displays your program's arrays first, followed by floating point, string, and integer variables. The variables are displayed in chronological order (the order they are used in the program), not alphabetically. Although Apple-soft BASIC allows arrays with up to 88 dimensions and as many elements per dimension as available memory will allow, Variable Lister is more restrictive. For this program, arrays are limited to three dimensions and a maximum of 254 elements per dimension. Attempting to list a larger array—for example, the one created by DIM A\$(500)—crashes the utility.

Note that Variable Lister cannot display a variable until it has actually been used in the program. For instance, consider the following line:

```
10 A$="YES":IF A$="NO" THEN
    B$="OK"
```

Since the IF condition can never be satisfied, B\$ will not appear on the variable list unless the program uses it elsewhere. This is no problem when debugging, since you're interested only in variables that were used up to the time the program crashed. However, to make a complete variable list for permanent documentation, you'll need to run your program until you know that every variable has been used.

Apple Variable Lister

```
100 HOME : PRINT "CREATING VAR.
LIST": HIMEM: 31000
110 X = 32000: TC = 0: PRINT
120 Z = 0: FDR = 0: TD = 9
130 READ P: PDKE X,P:Z = Z + P
140 X = X + 1: IF X > 32601 THEN
    N 200
150 NEXT A: TC = TC + Z
160 READ A: IF A = Z THEN 120
170 PRINT "ERROR IN DATA"
180 PRINT "CHECK LINE #": X - 3
1810: STOP
190 :
200 IF TC = 85238 THEN PRINT "O
K": PRINT CHR$(4): "BSAVE
VAR.LIST,A#7000,L601": END
```

```
210 PRINT "ERROR IN DATA"
220 PRINT "MISSING A LINE": STD
P
1000 DATA 032, 127, 125, 169, 0
00, 133, 004, 032, 017, 12
5, 764
1010 DATA 230, 004, 032, 017, 1
25, 230, 004, 169, 141, 03
2, 904
1020 DATA 237, 253, 165, 106, 1
33, 236, 165, 105, 200, 00
9, 1617
1030 DATA 169, 007, 024, 101, 2
35, 144, 002, 230, 236, 13
5, 1201
1040 DATA 235, 165, 236, 197, 1
06, 144, 009, 240, 001, 09
6, 1431
1050 DATA 165, 235, 197, 107, 1
76, 249, 032, 251, 126, 22
8, 1766
1060 DATA 004, 200, 225, 032, 0
19, 127, 160, 002, 166, 00
4, 945
1070 DATA 240, 029, 202, 240, 0
13, 169, 165, 032, 237, 25
3, 1580
1080 DATA 032, 072, 249, 032, 2
28, 126, 200, 190, 169, 16
4, 1478
1090 DATA 032, 237, 253, 032, 1
73, 126, 032, 100, 126, 20
8, 1407
1100 DATA 185, 032, 072, 249, 1
64, 236, 165, 235, 024, 10
5, 1467
1110 DATA 002, 144, 001, 200, 0
32, 249, 234, 032, 046, 23
7, 1177
1120 DATA 169, 141, 032, 237, 2
53, 200, 159, 169, 000, 13
3, 1501
1130 DATA 004, 032, 141, 125, 2
30, 004, 032, 141, 125, 23
0, 1064
1140 DATA 004, 169, 141, 032, 2
37, 253, 165, 107, 133, 23
5, 1476
1150 DATA 165, 100, 200, 011, 1
65, 237, 024, 101, 235, 13
3, 1387
1160 DATA 235, 165, 230, 101, 2
36, 133, 236, 197, 110, 24
0, 1091
1170 DATA 003, 144, 007, 096, 1
45, 235, 197, 109, 176, 24
9, 1501
1180 DATA 160, 003, 177, 235, 1
33, 230, 136, 177, 235, 13
3, 1627
1190 DATA 237, 032, 251, 126, 2
20, 004, 200, 212, 132, 25
2, 1602
1200 DATA 132, 251, 132, 250, 1
60, 004, 177, 235, 170, 20
0, 1711
1210 DATA 200, 177, 235, 149, 2
49, 202, 200, 247, 134, 25
5, 2056
1220 DATA 134, 254, 134, 253, 1
52, 056, 101, 235, 133, 23
5, 1607
```

1230 DATA 169, 000, 101, 236, 1
33, 236, 032, 019, 127, 16
6, 1219

1240 DATA 004, 200, 005, 032, 0
44, 126, 200, 011, 202, 20
0, 1000

1250 DATA 005, 032, 002, 126, 1
200, 003, 032, 102, 126, 1
64, 072

1260 DATA 253, 166, 254, 165, 2
55, 200, 196, 250, 144, 01
6, 1899

1270 DATA 160, 000, 232, 228, 2
51, 144, 009, 162, 000, 02
4, 1210

1280 DATA 105, 001, 197, 252, 1
76, 009, 132, 253, 134, 25
4, 1513

1290 DATA 133, 255, 076, 236, 1
25, 165, 236, 076, 167, 12
5, 1594

1300 DATA 032, 127, 126, 165, 2
35, 164, 236, 032, 249, 23
4, 1600

1310 DATA 032, 046, 237, 169, 1
41, 032, 237, 253, 024, 16
9, 1340

1320 DATA 005, 101, 235, 144, 0
02, 238, 260, 133, 235, 09
6, 1417

1330 DATA 169, 164, 032, 237, 2
53, 032, 127, 126, 160, 00
0, 1300

1340 DATA 032, 173, 126, 152, 0
56, 101, 235, 133, 235, 16
9, 1412

1350 DATA 000, 101, 236, 133, 2
36, 076, 191, 126, 169, 16
5, 1433

1360 DATA 032, 237, 253, 032, 1
27, 126, 160, 000, 032, 22
0, 1227

1370 DATA 126, 024, 165, 235, 1
05, 002, 144, 002, 230, 23
0, 1269

1380 DATA 133, 235, 096, 169, 1
60, 032, 237, 253, 165, 25
3, 1741

1390 DATA 032, 034, 127, 165, 2
51, 240, 024, 169, 172, 03
2, 1266

1400 DATA 237, 253, 165, 254, 0
32, 034, 127, 165, 252, 24
0, 1759

1410 DATA 010, 169, 172, 032, 2
37, 253, 165, 255, 032, 03
4, 1359

1420 DATA 127, 169, 169, 032, 2
37, 253, 076, 072, 249, 17
7, 1561

1430 DATA 235, 133, 142, 200, 1
77, 235, 133, 002, 200, 17
7, 1634

1440 DATA 235, 133, 003, 096, 0
32, 072, 249, 169, 162, 03
2, 1183

1450 DATA 237, 253, 166, 142, 2
40, 010, 160, 000, 177, 00
2, 1395

1460 DATA 009, 128, 032, 237, 2
53, 165, 241, 032, 168, 25
2, 1517

1470 DATA 200, 202, 200, 240, 1
69, 162, 032, 237, 253, 16
9, 1072

1480 DATA 141, 076, 237, 253, 1
77, 235, 133, 158, 200, 17
7, 1707

1490 DATA 235, 133, 139, 162, 1
44, 024, 032, 155, 235, 03
2, 1311

1500 DATA 046, 237, 169, 141, 0
76, 237, 253, 162, 000, 16
0, 1481

1510 DATA 081, 177, 235, 016, 0
01, 232, 009, 128, 133, 00
1, 933

1520 DATA 136, 177, 235, 016, 0
01, 232, 009, 128, 133, 00
0, 1067

1530 DATA 096, 160, 000, 032, 2
37, 253, 165, 001, 032, 23
7, 1218

1540 DATA 253, 165, 241, 076, 1
68, 252, 160, 000, 162, 00
0, 1477

1550 DATA 201, 100, 144, 012, 1
60, 176, 162, 176, 200, 05
6, 1387

1560 DATA 233, 100, 201, 100, 1
76, 240, 201, 010, 144, 01
0, 1423

1570 DATA 162, 176, 232, 056, 2
33, 010, 201, 010, 176, 24
0, 1504

1580 DATA 009, 176, 072, 130, 0
72, 152, 240, 003, 032, 23
7, 1131

1590 DATA 253, 104, 240, 003, 0
32, 237, 253, 104, 076, 23
7, 1539

1600 DATA 253, 000, 000, 000, 0
00, 000, 000, 000, 000, 00
0, 253

1610 DATA 000, 000, 000, 000, 0
000, 000, 000, 000, 000, 0
00, 0

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Atari Cassette Filenames

Norman Lin

Do you have trouble loading Atari cassette files because you keep losing track of the tape counter numbers? Or maybe you're wasting lots of tape by recording only one program per cassette side. Now there's a solution—a clever way to add filename capability to Atari cassettes. The technique works on any Atari 400/800, XL, or XE.

Unlike some other tape storage systems, the Atari doesn't allow filenames for cassette files. You must either jot down the tape counter numbers where the files start, or record only one file on each side of a cassette. But what happens if your cassette recorder's counter goes awry, or if you lose the index numbers? Things would be a lot easier if the computer could locate a program in the middle of a tape and load it for you.

Finally there's a simple way to solve these problems: "Atari Searcher/Loader." It lets you save numerous programs on a single side of a cassette, and then automatically finds and loads the program you want.

Saving Programs

Atari Searcher/Loader is very easy to use. Just follow these steps:

1. Type in the program listing following this article. (Note: Line 90 is too long to be typed as listed; to enter it, you must abbreviate POSITION as POS. When you list the program, POS. automatically appears as POSITION. Don't attempt to edit the line after it is entered. If you make a mistake, retype the entire line.)

2. Save the program once at the beginning of each tape using the LIST"C:" command—not the CSAVE command. (Just type LIST"C:", press RETURN, push the

Play and Record buttons on the recorder, and hit RETURN again. Of course, you'll have to start with blank tapes to avoid overwriting programs on your existing tapes.) After you've saved Atari Searcher/Loader with LIST"C:", do not rewind the tape. Type NEW to clear Searcher/Loader out of memory.

3. Enter the following short line in immediate mode (that is, without a line number):

```
OPEN#1,8,0,"C:"? #1;  
"filename":CLOSE #1
```

where *filename* is the name you wish to assign to your program. Then press the Play and Record buttons and hit RETURN twice. After a few seconds, the filename is written onto tape and the computer's READY prompt reappears.

4. Now you can start saving your regular program as usual, except that you must use the LIST"C:" command as described above instead of CSAVE. If you want to load a program from another tape to save onto the Searcher/Loader tape with a filename, swap cassettes without rewinding the Searcher/Loader tape.

Repeat steps 3 and 4 for each program you save on that side of the tape.

The filename can be anything you like. Disk filenames are limited to eight characters plus a three-character extender (such as PROGRAM1.BAS), but Atari Searcher/Loader permits much longer filenames. However, you should not include spaces or graphics characters as part of a name. Stick to letters, numbers, and common symbols. Do not use the same filename more than once on the same side of a cassette. It is a good idea to write the filenames on the cassette label in case you forget them.

Automatic Loading

Loading your programs with Atari Searcher/Loader is even easier than saving them. Suppose you've saved five programs on one tape using the above procedure. Their filenames are PROG1, PROG2, PROG3, PROG4, and PROG5. Now you want to load PROG4. Just follow these steps:

1. Rewind the tape to the beginning and load Atari Searcher/Loader by typing this command and pressing RETURN:

```
ENTER"C"
```

2. When the READY prompt reappears, type RUN. Searcher/Loader asks, FILENAME?. Type in the filename (in this example, PROG4) and press RETURN.

Searcher/Loader hunts through the tape until it finds PROG4, then automatically loads it and stops.

How It Works

After Searcher/Loader asks you for the filename, it stores the name in the string variable A\$. And enters the FOR-NEXT loop at lines 40-80. This loop searches for and loads one block of data at a time (made possible by the LIST"C:" format in which the programs are saved). Each block of data is stored in B\$. If you'd like to see these blocks of data printed on the screen during the search process, insert line 65 PRINT B\$.

Line 70 checks to see if B\$ equals A\$—in other words, if the block of data loaded is the same as the filename you specified (which is actually a block of data in itself). If B\$ does not equal A\$, the search goes on. If an error occurs or the tape ends, Searcher/Loader displays the error message at line 100.

If a block of data loaded corresponds to the specified filename (if B\$=A\$), the program jumps out of

the FOR-NEXT loop and goes to line 90. Line 90 clears the screen, erases Searcher/Loader from memory, and then loads the program that follows. When the program is loaded, the operation stops.

Although slow, Searcher/Loader does eliminate part of the hassle of cassette files.

Atari Searcher/Loader

Please refer to "COMPUTE's Guide to Typing in Programs" before entering this listing.

```

11 10 REM TO SAVE A PROGRAM
    WITH A FILENAME, TYPE
    OPEN #1,"B",8,"C:"?#1;"
    [FILENAME]:CLOSE #1
A6 20 DIM A$(100),B$(256)
13 30 ? "FILENAME":INPUT A$
14 40 FOR I=1 TO 10:GOTO 97
15 50 OPEN #1,"A",8,"C:"
16 60 TRAP 100:INPUT #1,B$
17 70 IF B$=A$ THEN 90
18 80 CLOSE #1:POKE 764,33:IN
    EXT I
30 90 ? "(CLEAR)":POSITION 2,
    4: ? "NEW"? 1? 2 ? "EN
    TER":CHR$(34):"C:"
    13(34): ? 1? 2 ? "POKE82
    ,12":POSITION 2,0:POKE
    842,13:POKE 764,33:EN
    D
FE 100 ? "BAD BLOCK. LOAD F
    ILE. TRY AGAIN."
  
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COMPUTE!'s Guide To Typing In Programs

Before typing in any program, you should familiarize yourself with your computer. Learn how to use the keyboard to type in and correct BASIC programs. Read your manuals to understand how to save and load BASIC programs to and from your disk drive or cassette unit. Computers are precise—take special care to type the program *exactly* as listed, including any necessary punctuation and symbols. To help you with this task, we have implemented a special listing convention as well as a program to help check your typing—the “Automatic Proofreader.” Please read the following notes before typing in any programs from COMPUTE!. They can save you a lot of time and trouble.

Since programs can contain some hard-to-read (and hard-to-type) special characters, we have developed a listing system that spells out in abbreviated form the function of these control characters. You will find these special characters within curly braces. For example, {CLEAR} or {CLR} instructs you to insert the symbol which clears the screen on the Atari or Commodore machines. A symbol by itself within curly braces is usually a control key or graphics key. If you see {A}, hold down the CONTROL key and press A. Commodore machines have a special control key labeled with the Commodore logo. Graphics characters entered with the Commodore logo key are enclosed in a new kind of special bracket. A graphics character can be listed as <A>. In this case, hold down the Commodore logo key as you type A. Our Commodore listings are in uppercase, so shifted symbols are underlined. A graphics heart symbol (SHIFT-S) would be listed as S. One exception is {SHIFT-SPACE}. Hold down SHIFT and press the space bar.

If a number precedes a symbol, such as {5 RIGHT}, {6 S}, or {<8 Q>}, you would enter five cursor rights, six shifted S's, or eight Commodore-Q's. On the Atari, inverse characters (printed in white on black) should be entered with the Atari logo key. Since spacing is sometimes important, any more than two spaces will be listed, for example, as {6 SPACES}. A space is never left at the end of a line, but will be moved to the next printed line as {SPACE}. There are no special control characters found in our IBM PC/PCjr, TI-99/4A, and Apple program listings. For your convenience, we have prepared this quick-reference key for the Commodore and Atari special characters:

Atari 400/800/XL

When you see	Type	See
{CLEAR}	ESC SHIFT <	n Clear Screen
{UP}	ESC CTRL =	↑ Cursor Up
{DOWN}	ESC CTRL =	↓ Cursor Down
{LEFT}	ESC CTRL +	← Cursor Left
{RIGHT}	ESC CTRL +	→ Cursor Right
{BACK SD}	ESC DELETE	⌫ Backspace
{DELETE}	ESC CTRL DELETE	⌫ Delete character
{INSERT}	ESC CTRL INSERT	⌫ Insert character
{DEL LINE}	ESC SHIFT DELETE	⌫ Delete line
{INS LINE}	ESC SHIFT INSERT	⌫ Insert line
{TAB}	ESC TAB	→ TAB key
{CLR TAB}	ESC CTRL TAB	↵ Clear tab
{SET TAB}	ESC SHIFT TAB	⌫ Set tab stop
{BELL}	ESC CTRL 2	🔔 Ring buzzer
{ESC}	ESC ESC	⌫ ESCAPE key

Commodore PET/CBM/VIC/64

When You Read:	Press:	See:	When You Read:	Press:	See:
{CLR}	SHIFT CLR/HOME		{GRN}	CTRL G	
{HOME}	CLR/HOME		{BLU}	CTRL B	
{UP}	SHIFT ↑		{YEL}	CTRL Y	
{DOWN}	↓		{F1}	F1	
{LEFT}	SHIFT ←		{F2}	F2	
{RIGHT}	→		{F3}	F3	
{RVS}	CTRL V		{F4}	F4	
{OFF}	CTRL O		{F5}	F5	
{BLK}	CTRL L		{F6}	F6	
{WHZ}	CTRL Z		{F7}	F7	
{RED}	CTRL R		{F8}	F8	
{CYN}	CTRL C		4	←	
{PUR}	CTRL P		↑	SHIFT ↑	

The Automatic Proofreader

Also, we have developed a simple, yet effective program that can help check your typing. Type in the appropriate Proofreader program for your machine, then save it for future use. On the VIC, 64, or Atari, run the Proofreader to activate it, then enter NEW to erase the BASIC loader (the Proofreader will still be active, hidden in memory, as a machine language program). Pressing RUN/STOP-RESTORE or SYSTEM RESET deactivates the Proofreader. You can use SYS 886 to reactivate the VIC/64 Proofreader, or PRINT USR(1536) to reactivate the Atari Proofreader. The IBM Proofreader is a BASIC program that lets you enter, edit, list, save, and load programs that you type. It simulates the IBM's BASIC line editor.

Using The Automatic Proofreader

Once the Proofreader is active, try typing in a line. As soon as you press RETURN, either a number (on the Commodore) or a pair of letters

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(Atari or IBM) appears. The number or pair of letters is called a *checksum*. Try making a change in the line, and notice how the checksum changes.

All you need to do is compare the value provided by the Proofreader with the checksum printed in the program listing in the magazine. In Commodore listings, the checksum is a number from 0 to 255. It is set off from the rest of the line with *rem*. This prevents a syntax error if the checksum is typed in, but the REM statements and checksums need *not* be typed in. It is just there for your information.

In Atari and IBM listings, the checksum is given to the left of each line number. Just type in the program, a line at a time (without the printed checksum) and compare the checksum generated by the Proofreader to the checksum in the listing. If they match, go on to the next line. If not, check your typing: You've made a mistake. On the Commodore and Atari Proofreader, spaces are not counted as part of the checksum, and no check is made to see that you've typed in the characters in the right order. If characters are transposed, the checksum will still match the listing. Because of the checksum method used, do not use abbreviations, such as ? for PRINT. However, the Proofreader does catch the majority of typing errors most people make. The IBM Proofreader is even pickier; it *will* detect errors in spacing and transposition. Also, be sure you leave Caps Lock on, except when you need to enter lowercase characters.

Special Proofreader Notes For Commodore Cassette Users

The Proofreader resides in the cassette buffer, which is used during tape LOADs and SAVEs. Be sure to press RUN/STOP-RESTORE before you save or load a program, to get the Proofreader out of the way. If you want to use the Proofreader with tape, run the Proofreader, then enter these two lines *exactly* as shown, pressing RETURN after each one:

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A$="PROOFREADER.T":B$="["(10 SPACES)"]
:FORX=1TO4:A$=A$+B$:NEXT
FORX=886TO1018:A$=A$+CHR$(PEEK(X))
:NEXT:OPEN I,1,A$:CLOSEI

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Then press RECORD and PLAY on a blank tape, and a special version of the Proofreader will be saved to tape. Anytime you need to reload the Proofreader after it has been erased, just rewind the tape, type OPEN1:CLOSE1, then press PLAY. When READY comes back, enter SYS 886.

IBM Proofreader Commands

Since the IBM Proofreader replaces the computer's normal BASIC line editor, it has to include

many of the direct-mode IBM BASIC commands. The syntax is identical to IBM BASIC. Commands simulated are LIST, LLIST, NEW, FILES, SAVE, and LOAD. When listing your program, press any key (except Ctrl-Break) to stop the listing. If you enter NEW, the Proofreader will prompt you to press Y to be especially sure you mean yes.

Two new commands are BASIC and CHECK. BASIC exits the Proofreader back to IBM BASIC, leaving the Proofreader in memory. CHECK works just like LIST, but shows the checksums along with the listing. After you have typed in a program, save it to disk. Then exit the Proofreader with the BASIC command, and load the program into the normal BASIC environment (this will replace the Proofreader in memory). You can now run the program, but you may want to resave it to disk. This will shorten it on disk and make it load faster, but it can no longer be edited with the Proofreader. If you want to convert a program to Proofreader format, save it to disk with SAVE "filename",A.

VC/64 Proofreader

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100 PRINT"[CLR]PLEASE WAIT...":FORI=886TO18
18:READA:CK=CK+A:POKEI,A:NEXT
110 IF CK<>17539 THEN PRINT"[DOWN]YOU MAOE
[SPACE]AN ERROR":PRINT"IN DATA STATEMEN
TS.":END
120 SYS886:PRINT"[CLR][2 DOWN]PROOFREADER A
CTIVATED.":NEW
886 DATA 173,036,003,201,150,200
892 DATA 001,096,141,151,003,173
898 DATA 037,003,141,152,003,169
904 DATA 150,141,036,003,169,003
910 DATA 141,037,003,169,000,133
916 DATA 254,096,032,087,241,133
922 DATA 251,134,252,132,253,000
928 DATA 201,013,240,017,201,032
934 DATA 240,005,024,101,254,133
940 DATA 254,165,251,166,252,164
946 DATA 253,040,096,169,013,032
952 DATA 210,255,165,214,141,251
958 DATA 003,206,251,003,169,000
964 DATA 133,216,169,019,032,210
970 DATA 255,169,018,032,210,255
976 DATA 169,058,032,210,255,166
982 DATA 254,169,000,133,254,172
988 DATA 151,003,192,007,200,006
994 DATA 032,205,189,076,235,003
1000 DATA 032,205,221,169,032,032
1006 DATA 210,255,032,210,255,173
1012 DATA 251,003,133,214,076,173
1018 DATA 003

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Atari Proofreader

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100 GRAPHICS 0
110 FOR I=1536 TO 1700:READ A:POKE I
,A:CK=CK+A:NEXT I
120 IF CK<>19072 THEN ? "Error in DA
TA Statements. Check Typing.":E
ND
130 A=USR(1536)
140 ? :? "Automatic Proofreader Now
Activated."

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150 END
1536 DATA 104,160,0,185,26,3
1542 DATA 201,69,240,7,200,200
1548 DATA 192,34,200,243,96,200
1554 DATA 169,74,153,26,3,200
1560 DATA 169,6,153,26,3,162
1566 DATA 0,189,0,228,157,74
1572 DATA 6,232,224,16,200,245
1578 DATA 169,93,141,70,6,169
1584 DATA 6,141,79,6,24,173
1590 DATA 4,228,105,1,141,95
1596 DATA 6,173,5,228,105,0
1602 DATA 141,96,6,169,0,133
1608 DATA 203,96,247,238,125,241
1614 DATA 93,6,244,241,115,241
1620 DATA 124,241,76,205,238,0
1626 DATA 0,0,0,0,32,62
1632 DATA 246,0,201,155,240,13
1638 DATA 201,32,240,7,72,24
1644 DATA 101,203,133,203,104,40
1650 DATA 96,72,152,72,130,72
1656 DATA 160,0,169,120,145,80
1662 DATA 200,192,40,200,249,165
1668 DATA 203,74,74,74,74,24
1674 DATA 105,161,160,3,145,80
1680 DATA 165,203,41,15,24,105
1686 DATA 161,200,145,80,169,0
1692 DATA 133,203,104,170,104,160
1698 DATA 104,40,96

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IBM Proofreader

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10 'Automatic Proofreader Version 2.00 (L
   ines 270,510,515,517,620,630 changed f
   rom V1.0)
100 DIM L$(500),LNUM(500):COLOR 0,7,7:KEY
   OFF:CLS:MAX=0:LNUM(0)=65536:
110 ON ERROR GOTO 120:KEY 15,CHR$(4)+CHR$(
   70):ON KEY(15) GOSUB 640:KEY (15) ON
   :GOTO 130
120 RESUME 130
130 DEF SEG=&H40:W=PEEK(&H4A)
140 ON ERROR GOTO 650:PRINT:PRINT"Proofre
   ader Ready."
150 LINE INPUT L$:Y=CSRLIN-INT(LEN(L$)/W)
   -1:LOCATE Y,1
160 DEF SEG=0:POKE 1050,30:POKE 1052,34:P
   OKE 1054,0:POKE 1055,79:POKE 1056,13:
   POKE 1057,20:LINE INPUT L$:DEF SEG:IF
   L$="" THEN 150
170 IF LEFT$(L$,1)="" THEN L$=MID$(L$,2)
   :GOTO 170
180 IF VAL(LEFT$(L$,2))=0 AND MID$(L$,3,1)
   =" " THEN L$=MID$(L$,4)
190 LNUM=VAL(L$):TEXT$=MID$(L$,LEN(STR$(L
   NUM))+1)
200 IF ASC(L$)>57 THEN 260 'no line numbe
   r, therefore command
210 IF TEXT$="" THEN GOSUB 540:IF LNUM=LNUM
   (P) THEN GOSUB 560:GOTO 150 ELSE 150
220 CKSUM=0:FOR I=1 TO LEN(L$):CKSUM=(CKS
   UM+ASC(MID$(L$,I)))AND 255:NEXT I:LO
   CATE Y,1:PRINT CHR$(65+CKSUM/16)+CHR$(
   65+(CKSUM AND 15))+ " "L$
230 GOSUB 540:IF LNUM(P)=LNUM THEN L$(P)=
   TEXT$:GOTO 150 'replace line
240 GOSUB 580:GOTO 150 'insert the line
260 TEXT$="":FOR I=1 TO LEN(L$):A=ASC(MID
   $(L$,I)):TEXT$=TEXT$+CHR$(A+32*(A>96
   AND A<123)):NEXT

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270 DELIMITER=INSTR(TEXT$, " "):COMMAND$=T
   EXT$:ARG$="":IF DELIMITER THEN COMMAN
   D$=LEFT$(TEXT$,DELIMITER-1):ARG$=MID$(
   TEXT$,DELIMITER+1) ELSE DELIMITER=IN
   STR(TEXT$,CHR$(34)):IF DELIMITER THEN
   COMMAND$=LEFT$(TEXT$,DELIMITER-1):AR
   G$=MID$(TEXT$,DELIMITER)
280 IF COMMAND$<>"LIST" THEN 410
290 OPEN "scrn:" FOR OUTPUT AS #1
300 IF ARG$="" THEN FIRST=0:P=MAX-1:GOTO
   340
310 DELIMITER=INSTR(ARG$,"-"):IF DELIMIT
   R=0 THEN LNUM=VAL(ARG$):GOSUB 540:FI
   RST=P:GOTO 340
320 FIRST=VAL(LEFT$(ARG$,DELIMITER)):LAST
   =VAL(MID$(ARG$,DELIMITER+1))
330 LNUM=FIRST:GOSUB 540:FIRST=P:LNUM=LAS
   T:GOSUB 540:IF P=0 THEN P=MAX-1
340 FOR X=FIRST TO P:N$=MID$(STR$(LNUM(X)
   ),2)+ " "
350 IF CKFLAG=0 THEN A$="" :GOTO 370
360 CKSUM=0:A$=N$+L$(X):FOR I=1 TO LEN(A$
   ):CKSUM=(CKSUM+ASC(MID$(A$,I)))AND
   255:NEXT I:A$=CHR$(65+CKSUM/16)+CHR$(6
   5+(CKSUM AND 15))+ " "
370 PRINT #1,A$+N$+L$(X)
380 IF INKEY$<" " THEN X=P
390 NEXT X:CLOSE #1:CKFLAG=0
400 GOTO 130
410 IF COMMAND$="LLIST" THEN OPEN "lpt1:"
   FOR OUTPUT AS #1:GOTO 300
420 IF COMMAND$="CHECK" THEN CKFLAG=1:GOT
   O 290
430 IF COMMAND$<>"SAVE" THEN 450
440 GOSUB 600:OPEN ARG$ FOR OUTPUT AS #1:
   ARG$="" :GOTO 300
450 IF COMMAND$<>"LOAD" THEN 490
460 GOSUB 600:OPEN ARG$ FOR INPUT AS #1:M
   AX=0:P=0
470 WHILE NOT EOF(1):LINE INPUT #1,L$:LNUM
   (P)=VAL(L$):L$(P)=MID$(L$,LEN(STR$(V
   AL(L$))+1)):P=P+1:MEND
480 MAX=P:CLOSE #1:GOTO 130
490 IF COMMAND$="NEW" THEN INPUT "Erase p
   rogram - Are you sure? L$:IF LEFT$(L$
   ,1)="" OR LEFT$(L$,1)="" THEN MAX=0
   :GOTO 130 ELSE 130
500 IF COMMAND$="BASIC" THEN COLOR 7,0,0:
   ON ERROR GOTO 0:CLS:END
510 IF COMMAND$<>"FILES" THEN 520
515 IF ARG$="" THEN ARG$="A:" ELSE SEL=1:
   GOSUB 600
517 FILES ARG$:GOTO 130
520 PRINT"Syntax error":GOTO 130
540 P=0:WHILE LNUM>LNUM(P) AND P<MAX:P=P+
   1:MEND:RETURN
560 MAX=MAX-1:FOR X=P TO MAX:LNUM(X)=LNUM
   (X+1):L$(X)=L$(X+1):NEXT X:RETURN
580 MAX=MAX+1:FOR X=MAX TO P+1 STEP -1:LNU
   M(X)=LNUM(X-1):L$(X)=L$(X-1):NEXT X:L$
   (P)=TEXT$:LNUM(P)=LNUM:RETURN
600 IF LEFT$(ARG$,1)<>CHR$(34) THEN 520 E
   LSE ARG$=MID$(ARG$,2)
610 IF RIGHT$(ARG$,1)=CHR$(34) THEN ARG$=
   LEFT$(ARG$,LEN(ARG$)-1)
620 IF SEL=0 AND INSTR(ARG$,".")=0 THEN A
   RG$=ARG$+".BAS"
630 SEL=0:RETURN
640 CLOSE #1:CKFLAG=0:PRINT"Stopped.":RET
   URN 150
650 PRINT "Error #":ERR:RESUME 150

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Apple MLX

Machine Language Entry Program

Tim Victor, Editorial Programmer

To make it easier to enter machine language programs into your computer without typos, COMPUTE! is introducing its MLX entry program for the Apple II series. It's our best MLX yet. It runs on the II, II+, IIe, and IIfx, and with either DOS 3.3 or ProDOS.

A machine language (ML) program is usually listed as a long series of numbers. It's hard to keep your place and even harder to avoid making mistakes as you type in the listing, since an incorrect line looks almost identical to a correct one. To make error-free entry easier, COMPUTE! generally lists ML programs for Commodore and Atari computers in a format designed to be typed in with a utility called "MLX." The MLX program uses a checksum system to catch typing errors almost as soon as they happen.

This month, COMPUTE! introduces MLX for the Apple II series. Apple MLX checks your typing on a line-by-line basis. It won't let you enter invalid characters or let you continue if there's a mistake in a line. It won't even let you enter a line or digit out of sequence. Best of all, you don't have to know anything about machine language to enter ML programs with MLX. Apple MLX makes typing ML programs almost foolproof.

Using Apple MLX

Type in and save some copies of Apple MLX on disk (you'll want to use MLX to enter future ML programs in COMPUTE!). It doesn't matter whether you type it in on a disk formatted for DOS 3.3 or ProDOS. Programs entered with Apple MLX, however, must be saved to a disk formatted with the same operating

system as Apple MLX itself.

If you have an Apple IIe or IIfx, make sure that the key marked CAPS LOCK is in the down position. Type RUN. You'll be asked for the starting and ending addresses of the ML program. These values vary for each program, so they're given at the beginning of the ML program listing and in the program's accompanying article. Find them and type them in.

The next thing you'll see is a menu asking you to select a function. The first is (E)NTER DATA. If you're just starting to type in a program, pick this. Press the E key, and the program asks for the address where you want to begin entering data. Type the first number in the first line of the program listing if you're just starting, or the line number where you left off if you've already typed in part of a program. Hit the RETURN key and begin entering the data.

Once you're in Enter mode, Apple MLX prints the address for each program line for you. You then type in all nine numbers on that line, beginning with the first two-digit number after the colon (:). Each line represents eight bytes and a checksum. When you enter a line and hit RETURN, Apple MLX recalculates the checksum from the eight bytes and the address. If you enter more or less than nine numbers, or the checksum doesn't exactly match, Apple MLX erases the line you just entered and prompts you again for the same line.

Invalid Characters Banned

Apple MLX is fairly flexible about how you type in the numbers. You can put extra spaces between numbers or leave the spaces out entirely, compressing a line into 18 keypresses. Be careful not to put a space

between two digits in the middle of a number. Apple MLX will read two single-digit numbers instead of one two-digit number (F 6 means F and 6, not F6).

You can't enter an invalid character with Apple MLX. Only the numerals 0-9 and the letters A-F can be typed in. If you press any other key (with some exceptions noted below), nothing happens. These safeguards against entering extraneous characters. Even better, Apple MLX checks for transposed characters. If you're supposed to type in A0 and instead enter 0A, Apple MLX will catch your mistake.

Apple MLX also checks to make sure you're typing in the right line. The address (the number to the left of the colon) is part of the checksum recalculation. If you accidentally skip a line and try to enter incorrect values, Apple MLX won't let you continue. Just make sure you enter the correct starting address; if you don't, you won't be able to enter any of the following lines. Apple MLX will stop you.

Editing Features

Apple MLX also includes some editing features. The left- and right-arrow keys allow you to back up and go forward on the line that you are entering, so you can retype data. Pressing the CONTROL (CTRL) and D keys at the same time (*delete*) removes the character under the cursor, shortening the line by one character. Pressing CTRL-I (*insert*) puts a space under the cursor and shifts the rest of the line to the right, making the line one character longer. If the cursor is at the right end of the line, neither CTRL-D nor CTRL-I has any effect.

When you've entered the entire listing (up to the ending address that you specified earlier), Apple MLX

automatically leaves Enter mode and redisplay the functions menu. If you want to leave Enter mode before then, press the RETURN key when Apple MLX prompts you with a new line address. (For instance, you may want to leave Enter mode to enter a program listing in more than one sitting: see below.)

Display Data

The second menu choice, (D)DISPLAY DATA, examines memory and shows the contents in the same format as the program listing. You can use it to check your work or to see how far you've gotten. When you press D, Apple MLX asks you for a starting address. Type in the address of the first line you want to see and hit RETURN. Apple MLX displays program lines until you press any key or until it reaches the end of the program.

Save And Load

Two more menu selections let you save programs on disk and load them back into the computer. These are (S)AVE FILE and (L)OAD FILE. When you press S or L, Apple MLX asks you for the filename. The first time you save an ML program, the name you assign will be the program's filename on the disk. If you press L and specify a filename that doesn't exist on the disk, you'll see a disk error message.

If you're not sure why a disk error has occurred, check the drive. Make sure there's a formatted disk in the drive and that it was formatted by the same operating system you're using for Apple MLX (ProDOS or DOS 3.3). If you're trying to save a file and see an error message, the disk might be full. Either save the file on another disk or quit Apple MLX (by pressing the Q key), delete an old file or two, then run Apple MLX again. Your typing should still be safe in memory.

Apple MLX: Machine Language Entry Program

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100 N = 9: HOME : NORMAL : PRIN
T "APPLE MLX": POKE 34,2: 0
ERR GOTO 610
110 VTAB 1: HTAB 20: PRINT "STA
RT ADDRESS": GOSUB 530: IF
A = 0 THEN PRINT CHR% (7
): GOTO 110
120 S = A
130 VTAB 2: HTAB 20: PRINT "END
ADDRESS ": GOSUB 530: IF
S > = A OR A = 0 THEN PR
INT CHR% (7): GOTO 130

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140 E = A
150 PRINT : PRINT "CHOOSE (E)NT
ER DATA": HTAB 22: PRINT "
(0)DISPLAY DATA": HTAB 8: PR
INT "(L)OAD FILE (S)AVE FI
LE (D)UIT": PRINT
160 GET A: FOR I = 1 TO 5: IF
A < > MID$( "EDLOS", I, 1) T
HEN NEXT : GOTO 160
170 ON I GOTO 270, 220, 180, 200:
POKE 34, 0: END
180 INPUT "FILENAME: "; A$: IF A
$ < > "" THEN PRINT CHR$(
4) : "LOAD"; A$ : ", A" : S
190 GOTO 150
200 INPUT "FILENAME: "; A$: IF A
$ < > "" THEN PRINT CHR$(
4) : "SAVE"; A$ : ", A" : S; ", L"
: " : S
210 GOTO 150
220 GOSUB 390: IF B = 0 THEN IS
0
230 FOR B = B TO E STEP B: L = 4
: A = B: GOSUB 500: PRINT A$
: " : L = 2
240 FOR F = 0 TO 7: V(F + 1) = P
EEK (B + F): NEXT : GOSUB 5
60: V(F) = C
250 FOR D = 0 TO N: A = V(F): GO
SUB 580: PRINT A$ : " : NEXT
: PRINT : IF PEEK (49152)
< 128 THEN NEXT
260 POKE 4916, 0: GOTO 150
270 GOSUB 590: IF B = 0 THEN IS
0
280 FOR B = B TO E STEP B
290 HTAB 1: A = B: L = 4: GOSUB 5
60: PRINT A$ : " : CALL 64
64: A$ = " : " : P = 0: GOSUB 33
0: IF L = 0 THEN NEXT
300 GOSUB 470: IF F < > N THEN
PRINT CHR$( 7) : GOTO 290
310 IF N = 9 THEN GOSUB 560: IF
C < > V(F) THEN PRINT CHR$(
7) : GOTO 290
320 FOR F = 1 TO B: POKE B + F
- 1, V(F): NEXT : PRINT : NE
XT : GOTO 150
330 IF LEN (A$) = 33 THEN A$ =
0: P = 0: PRINT CHR$( 7) :
340 L = LEN (A$): O$ = A$ - P:
L$ = " : IF P > 0 THEN L$ =
LEFT$( A$, P)
350 R$ = " : IF P < L - 1 THEN
R$ = RIGHT$( A$, L - P - 1)
360 HTAB 7: PRINT L$ : FLASH :
IF P < L THEN PRINT MID$( A
$, P + 1, 1) : NORMAL : PRINT
R$ :
370 PRINT " : NORMAL
380 K = PEEK (49152): IF K < 12
8 THEN 380
390 POKE 4916, 0: K = K - 128
400 IF K = 13 THEN HTAB 7: PRIN
T A$ : " : RETURN
410 IF K = 32 OR K > 47 AND K <
58 OR K > 64 AND K < 71 TH
EN A$ = L$ + CHR$( K) + R$:
P = P + 1
420 IF K = 4 THEN A$ = L$ + R$
430 IF K = 9 THEN A$ = L$ + "
" + MID$( A$, P + 1, 1) + R$
440 IF K = 8 THEN P = P - (P >
0)
450 IF K = 21 THEN P = P + (P <
L)
460 GOTO 330
470 F = 1: O = 0: FOR P = 1 TO L
EN (A$(1)C$ = MID$( A$, P, 1)
: IF F > N AND C$ < > " " TH
EN RETURN

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480 IF C$ < > " " THEN GOSUB 5
20:V(F) = F + 16 * (O = 1)
% V(F) : O = O + 1
490 IF O > 0 AND C$ = " " OR O
= 2 THEN O = 0 : F = F + 1
500 NEXT J : IF O = 0 THEN F = F
- 1
510 RETURN
520 J = ASC (C$) : J = J - 48 - 7
% (J > 64) : RETURN
530 A = 0 : INPUT A$ : A$ = LEFT$
(A$, 4) : IF LEN (A$) = 0 THEN
N RETURN
540 FOR P = 1 TO LEN (A$) : C$ =
MID$ (A$, P, 1) : IF C$ < "0"
OR C$ > "9" AND C$ < "A" OR
C$ > "Z" THEN A = 0 : RETURN
N
550 GOSUB 520 : A = A * 16 + J : N
EXT : RETURN
560 C = INT (B / 256) : C = B - 2
54 * C - 255 * (C > 127) : C
= C - 255 * (C > 255)
570 FOR F = 1 TO B * C : C * 2 -
255 * (C > 127) + V(F) : C =
C - 255 * (C > 255) : NEXT :
RETURN
580 I = PRE (A$) : A$ = " " : FOR I
= 1 TO LIT = INT (A / 16) :
A$ = MID$ ("0123456789ABC
EF", A - 16 * I + 1, 1) + A$ :
A = T : NEXT : RETURN
590 PRINT "FROM ADDRESS " : GOS
UB 530 : IF S > A OR E < A O
R A = 0 THEN B = 0 : RETURN
600 B = S + B * INT ((A - S) /
B) : RETURN
610 PRINT "DISK ERROR": GOTO 15
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Epson Stylus 1200	279	Zebra 1000	269
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Epson Stylus 1240	279	Zebra 1000	269
Epson Stylus 1250	279	Zebra 1000	269
Epson Stylus 1260	279	Zebra 1000	269
Epson Stylus 1270	279	Zebra 1000	269
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Epson Stylus 1360	279	Zebra 1000	269
Epson Stylus 1370	279	Zebra 1000	269
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Epson Stylus 1390	279	Zebra 1000	269
Epson Stylus 1400	279	Zebra 1000	269
Epson Stylus 1410	279	Zebra 1000	269
Epson Stylus 1420	279	Zebra 1000	269
Epson Stylus 1430	279	Zebra 1000	269
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SpeedScript 3.0

All Machine Language Word Processor For Apple

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COMPUTE! concludes its SpeedScript 3.0 series this month with a version for Apple II-series computers with DOS 3.3 and at least 48K RAM. Originally written for the Commodore 64 and VIC-20, SpeedScript has also been adapted for Atari computers (COMPUTE!, May 1985) and has become extremely popular. It compares favorably with commercial programs and has some features never seen before in an Apple word processor.

SpeedScript 3.0, though compact in size (5.5K), has most of the functions you expect in a full-featured word processor. SpeedScript is also very easy to learn and use. You type in everything first; preview and make corrections on the screen; insert and delete words, sentences, and paragraphs; then print out an error-free draft, letting SpeedScript take care of things like margins, centering, headers, and footers.

The Apple version of SpeedScript 3.0, and all other Apple programs in this issue, may be ordered on disk directly from COMPUTE! Publications. Call TOLL FREE 1-800-334-0868 (in NC 1-919-275-9809) to charge your order 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. Or send check or money order (\$12.95 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling) to:

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Special Typing Instructions

Apple SpeedScript is the longest Apple machine language program we've ever published, but COMPUTE!'s new "Apple MLX" entry system helps you type it right the first time. MLX can detect most typing errors as they happen. (See the Apple MLX article elsewhere in this issue.) MLX also lets you type SpeedScript in more than one sitting. Although the program listing is lengthy, we guarantee the effort will be worthwhile. If you prefer, you can order Apple SpeedScript 3.0 (and all other Apple programs in this issue) on disk directly from COMPUTE! Publications at a nominal cost (see box).

To begin entering the data for SpeedScript, boot up your Apple with a DOS 3.3 startup disk in the drive. As the MLX article states, programs entered with MLX must be saved to a disk with the same operating system format as the disk from which MLX was loaded. Since this version of SpeedScript works only with DOS 3.3, you must load Apple MLX from a DOS 3.3 disk. If you have a IIe or IIc that came with the ProDOS operating system, you must obtain a copy of DOS 3.3 before entering SpeedScript.

Because the machine language data for SpeedScript resides in the same area of memory where BASIC programs are normally loaded, it's necessary in this case to reconfigure memory before loading MLX to enter SpeedScript. Otherwise, the SpeedScript data you enter with MLX will overwrite the MLX program itself as you type. To reconfigure memory, type the following line in direct mode (no line number) and

hit RETURN:

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POKE 104,32: POKE 8192,0: NEW
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You must always enter this line before loading MLX to enter SpeedScript data. It is, however, not necessary to enter this line before loading the completed SpeedScript program.

Now load and run Apple MLX. Answer the first two questions that MLX asks like this:

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STARTING ADDRESS? 0800  
ENDING ADDRESS? 1E45
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An options menu appears next. Press E to enter the program. Now type the address at which you'd like to start typing. If you're just beginning to type the listing, you'd enter 0800. The screen then shows the first prompt, the number 0800 followed by a colon (:). Type in each two-digit number shown in the SpeedScript listing (some of the digits are letters, because the numbers are in hexadecimal). You don't need to type the spaces shown in the listing, but you can for the sake of readability. MLX does not let you type illegal characters.

The last number you enter in each line is a *checksum*. If you type the line correctly, the checksum calculated by MLX should match the checksum number you typed in. If it doesn't match, MLX makes you retype the line. MLX is not foolproof, though. It's quite rare, but it's possible that an error in one number could be offset by an error in another. MLX will help catch your errors, but you still must be careful.

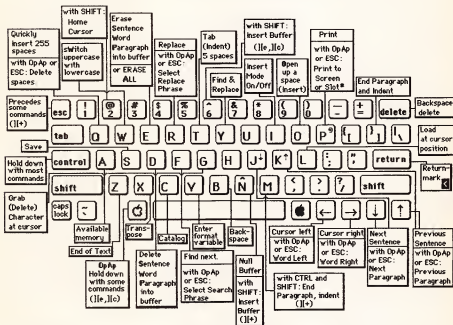
Typing In Multiple Sitzings

If you want to stop typing the listing at some point and pick up later, press RETURN at the address prompt without typing anything.

Apple SpeedScript 3.0 Keyboard Map

Use **CTRL** or **control** with most commands

Apple IIc Keyboard Shown. Apple IIe, II+ keyboard similar



Write down the address number you stopped at. The options menu reappears, and you can save your typing at this point. To continue entering data the next time, boot your system, enter the direct-mode line given above to configure memory, and load MLX. Answer the STARTING ADDRESS? and ENDING ADDRESS? questions with the same values you used the first time, 0800 and 1E45. Then select Load from the options menu, then press E to enter data. Give MLX the address number you previously stopped at. Now continue typing as before.

When you finish all typing, MLX returns you to the options

menu, where you can save the finished program.

MLX has now created a binary file on disk. To run it, reboot the machine to clear out memory, then from BASIC type BRUN filename, where filename is the name you specified when saving SpeedScript on disk with MLX. SpeedScript automatically loads and runs. If you prefer, you can write a short program:

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10 PRINT CHR$(4);"BRUN filename"
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and save it as the HELLO file on the disk (INIT HELLO to format and set up a blank disk). This makes SpeedScript load and run automatically when you boot up.

Do You Have Lowercase?

When you BRUN SpeedScript, you'll first be asked, LOWERCASE? [Y/N]. If you are running SpeedScript on an Apple IIe or IIc, or have a lowercase character generator in your Apple II+, press Y for Yes. Otherwise, press N. This adjusts SpeedScript for your machine.

After you've answered the prompt, you'll see a blank 40-column screen with a blinking underline cursor. The first line on the screen is in inverse video, white with black letters. SpeedScript presents all messages on this command line. The remaining 23 lines of the screen are used to enter, edit, and

display your document. You cannot enter text in 80 columns, although you can print the document to the screen in 80 columns, if you have the appropriate hardware.

The cursor shows where the next character you type will appear on the screen. *SpeedScript* lets you move the cursor anywhere within your document, making it easy to find and correct errors.

Entering Text

To begin using *SpeedScript*, just start typing. If you have an Apple II+ without a lowercase character generator and SHIFT key modification, you'll need to follow a special procedure because the Apple II+ SHIFT key does not work with alphabetic characters. (Lowercase adapters and SHIFT key modifications are available for the Apple II+; see your Apple dealer.)

For lowercase text, just type normally. On an Apple II+ without a lowercase adapter, lowercase text appears on the screen as uppercase. When you need to specify an uppercase letter, press the ESC key before typing that letter. An uppercase letter appears on the screen in inverse video (with the colors switched). The next character you type will appear as a normal uppercase character, representing lowercase.

This is the convention used by most Apple word processors when lowercase is not available. While this may seem awkward, it overcomes the uppercase-only limitation of the Apple II+ and becomes second nature after a while. For example, to enter:

Who won the World Series?

you'd type:

ESC WHO WON THE ESC WORLD
ESC SERIES?

which appears onscreen as:

WHO WON THE WORLD SERIES?

With an Apple II+ with the SHIFT key modification or an Apple IIe/IIc, you type as you would on a typewriter, holding down the SHIFT key while typing the uppercase letter. Be sure to disengage the CAPS LOCK key if you want to type lowercase.

When the cursor reaches the right edge of the screen, it automatically jumps to the beginning of the

next line, just as in BASIC. But unlike BASIC, *SpeedScript* never splits words at the right edge of the screen. If a word you're typing won't fit at the end of one line, it's instantly moved to the next line. This feature, called *word-wrap* or *parsing*, also helps make your text more readable.

Scrolling And Screen Formatting

When you finish typing on the last screen line, *SpeedScript* automatically scrolls the text upward to make room for a new line at the bottom. Imagine the screen as a 23-line window on a long, continuous document. There's room in memory for 27904 characters on a 48K machine, or about 10-15 pages of text. (Unfortunately, *SpeedScript* 3.0 cannot make use of the extra memory available with 64K or 128K.) To check at any time how much space is available, press CTRL-A (hold down the CTRL key while pressing the A key). The number appearing in the command line indicates how much available room remains for characters of text.

If you're used to a typewriter, you'll have to unlearn some habits if this is your first experience with word processing. Since the screen is only 40 columns wide, and most printers have 80-column carriages, it doesn't make sense to press RETURN at the end of each line as you do on a typewriter. *SpeedScript*'s word-wrap takes care of this automatically. Press RETURN only when you want to force a carriage return to end a paragraph or limit the length of a line. A *return-mark* appears on the screen as an inverse less-than sign (<).

Using The Keyboard

Most features are accessed with control-key commands—you hold down CTRL while pressing another key. In this article, control-key commands are abbreviated CTRL-x (where x is the key you press in combination with CTRL). An example is the CTRL-A mentioned above to check on available memory. CTRL-E means hold down CTRL and press E.

Some commands have special options. On the Apple II+, you'll sometimes need to press ESC before the CTRL key, as in ESC-CTRL-E.

You first press ESC, then release it and press CTRL and E together. If your Apple II+ has the SHIFT key modification, you can press SHIFT instead of ESC, but you must press it simultaneously with CTRL and the command key.

On the Apple IIe and IIc, you hold down the Open Apple key (the key with a hollow Apple symbol) while pressing the CTRL key combination. This is represented in this article as OpAp-CTRL-E. Other keys are referenced by name or function, such as DELETE for the backspace key, *carat* for the carat (') symbol (SHIFT-N on the Apple II+ or SHIFT-6 on the Apple IIe/IIc), or *cursor-left* for the ← key. See the figure for a complete quick-reference chart of all keyboard commands.

The Apple II+ keyboard does not support all the keys used by *SpeedScript*, such as cursor-up and cursor-down (↑ ↓), but these commands can still be accessed with CTRL-key combinations. Because *SpeedScript* uses almost every key, not all combinations are especially mnemonic. Most keys, though, stand for the name of the function they perform.

Some keys let you move the cursor to different places in the document to make corrections or scroll text into view. You can move the cursor by character, word, sentence, or paragraph. Here's how to control the cursor:

- The **cursor-left/right** keys (← →) move the cursor a single space in either direction. By preceding this key with ESC on the Apple II+, or by holding down the Open Apple key while pressing the key on the Apple IIe/IIc, you can move the cursor to the beginning of the next (→) or previous (←) word.

- The **cursor-up/down** keys (↑ ↓) on the IIe/IIc, CTRL-J/CTRL-K on the II+ move the cursor to the beginning of either the previous or next sentence. On the IIe/IIc, hold down the Open Apple key as you press the arrow to move to the beginning of the next (↓) or previous (↑) paragraph. On the Apple II+, press CTRL-K to move the cursor to the beginning of the next sentence, and press CTRL-J to move the cursor to the beginning of the previous sentence. Press ESC-CTRL-K to move

the cursor to the beginning of the next paragraph, or ESC-CTRL-J to move the cursor to the beginning of the previous paragraph. (A paragraph is defined as any sequence of characters ending in a return-mark.)

- Pressing CTRL-@ (CTRL-SHIFT-2 on the IIe/IIc, CTRL-SHIFT-P on the II+), puts the cursor at the top of the screen. If the cursor is already at the top of the screen, CTRL-@ moves the cursor to the top of the document. So to quickly move to the beginning of the document, press CTRL-@ twice.

- CTRL-Z moves the cursor to the end of the document, scrolling if necessary. It's easy to remember since Z is at the end of the alphabet.

Making Corrections

Sometimes you'll have to insert some characters to make a correction. Use CTRL-O to open up a single space. Merely position the cursor at the point where you want to insert a space, and press CTRL-O.

It can be tedious to use CTRL-O to open up enough space for a whole sentence or paragraph. For convenience, *SpeedScript* has an insert mode that automatically inserts space for each character you type. In this mode, you can't type over characters; everything is inserted at the cursor position. To enter insert mode, press CTRL-I. To cancel insert mode, press CTRL-I again. To let you know you're in insert mode, the cursor changes from a blinking underline to a blinking inverse underline (which looks like a solid square). The cursor changes back to a blinking underline when you exit insert mode. Because of keyboard redundancy, the TAB key on the Apple IIe/IIc works just like CTRL-I.

Insert mode is the easiest way to insert text, but it can become too slow when inserting near the top of a very long document because it must move all the text following the cursor position. So *SpeedScript* has even more ways to insert blocks of text.

One way is to use CTRL-T (tab). It is programmed in *SpeedScript* to act as a five-space margin indent. To end a paragraph and start another, press RETURN twice and press CTRL-T. A shortcut for this is CTRL-] on the Apple IIe/IIc and CTRL-SHIFT-M on the Apple II+; these keystrokes automatically in-

sert two return-marks and indent the margin. CTRL-T always inserts; you don't need to be in insert mode. You can also use CTRL-T to open up more space than CTRL-O. (You cannot set or clear tab stops in *SpeedScript* as you can with some word processors.) No matter how much space you want to insert, each insertion takes the same amount of time. So CTRL-T can insert five spaces five times faster than pressing CTRL-O five times.

There's an even better way, though. Press CTRL-Q to quickly insert 255 spaces (it does not insert a line; use RETURN for that). You can press it several times to open up as much space as you need. And CTRL-Q is quick indeed. It inserts 255 spaces as fast as CTRL-O opens up one space. Now just type the text you wanted to insert over the blank space. (You don't want to be in CTRL-I insert mode when you use this trick; that would defeat its purpose.)

Since DELETE (backspace) is also slow when working with large documents (it, too, must move all text following the cursor), you may prefer to use the cursor-left key to backspace when using this method.

After you're done inserting, there may be some inserted spaces left over that you didn't use. Just press ESC-CTRL-Q on the II+ or OpAp-CTRL-Q on the IIe/IIc. This instantly deletes all extra spaces between the cursor and the start of following text. It's also useful whenever you need to delete a block of spaces for some reason.

Erasing Text

To erase the character on which the cursor is sitting, press CTRL-G (to grab the character). The character highlighted by the cursor is removed, and all following text is moved toward the cursor to fill the empty space.

Press CTRL-B (backspace) on the II+ or the DELETE key on the IIe/IIc to delete the character to the left of the cursor. All the following text is moved with the cursor to fill the empty space.

These keys are fine for minor deletions, but it could take all day to delete a whole paragraph this way. So *SpeedScript* has two commands that can delete an entire word, sentence, or paragraph at a time.

CTRL-E erases text after (to the right of) the cursor position (and can also erase all text), and CTRL-D deletes text behind (to the left of) the cursor.

To use the CTRL-E erase mode, first place the cursor at the beginning of the word, sentence, or paragraph you want to erase. Then press CTRL-E. The command line shows the message "ERASE (S,W,P,A): RETURN TO EXIT." Press S to erase a sentence, W for a word, or P for a paragraph. Each time you press one of these letters, the text is quickly erased. You can keep pressing S, W, or P until you've erased all the text you wish. Then press RETURN to exit the erase mode.

You also use CTRL-E to erase all text from memory when you want to start a new document. To erase all text, press CTRL-E, then press the A (all) key. A prompt appears: ERASE ALL TEXT: ARE YOU SURE (Y/N). Press Y to perform the irreversible deed. You cannot recover any text erased this way. Press N or any other key to cancel this function.

The CTRL-D delete mode works similar to CTRL-E, but deletes only one word, sentence, or paragraph at a time. First, place the cursor after the word, sentence, or paragraph you want to delete. Then press CTRL-D. Next, press S, W, or P for sentence, word, or paragraph. The text is immediately deleted and you return to editing. You don't need to press RETURN to exit the CTRL-D delete mode unless you pressed this key by mistake. (In general, you can escape from any function in *SpeedScript* by simply pressing RETURN.) CTRL-D is most convenient when the cursor is already past what you've been typing.

The Text Buffer

When you erase or delete with CTRL-E and CTRL-D, the text isn't lost forever (unless you've performed an Erase All). *SpeedScript* remembers what you've removed by storing deletions in a separate area of memory called a buffer. The buffer is a failsafe device. If you erase too much, or change your mind, just press CTRL-carat (CTRL-SHIFT-6 on the IIe/IIc, CTRL-SHIFT-N on the II+) to restore the deletion. However, be aware that *SpeedScript* remembers only the last erase or

delete you performed. It's not too hard to remember this command, since the carat is used in paper-and-pencil editing to signify an insertion. Be sure you don't press CTRL-N without SHIFT, since CTRL-N is the command to clear out (null) the buffer.

Another, more powerful, use of this buffer is to move or copy sections of text. To move some text from one location in your document to another, first erase or delete it with CTRL-E or CTRL-D. Then move the cursor to where you want the text to appear and press CTRL-carat. CTRL-carat instantly inserts the contents of the buffer at the cursor position. If you want to copy some text from one part of your document to another, just erase or delete it with CTRL-E or CTRL-D, restore it at the original position with CTRL-carat, then move the cursor elsewhere and press CTRL-carat to restore it again. You can retrieve the buffer with CTRL-carat as many times as you like. If there is no room left in memory for inserting the buffer, you'll see the message NO ROOM.

Important: The CTRL-E erase mode lets you erase up to the maximum size of the buffer (2K), and CTRL-E also removes the previous contents of the buffer. The buffer is also erased with the ERASE ALL option of CTRL-E. Keep this in mind if there's something in the buffer you'd rather keep. If you don't want the buffer to be erased, hold down the Open Apple key (or precede with ESC on the II+) when you press CTRL-E. This preserves the buffer contents and adds newly erased text to the buffer.

If you ever need to erase the contents of the buffer, press CTRL-N (null buffer).

Search And Replace

SpeedScript has a Find command that searches through your document to find a selected word or phrase. A Replace option lets you automatically change one word to another throughout the document.

ESC-CTRL-F or OpAp-CTRL-F (find) lets you define a search phrase, ESC-CTRL-R or OpAp-CTRL-R (replace) lets you define a replace phrase, and CTRL-Y is for automatically searching and replacing.

Searching is a two-step process. First you need to tell SpeedScript what to search for, then you trigger the actual search. Hold down Open Apple and press CTRL-F (on the Apple II+, press ESC, then CTRL-F). The command line prompts FIND:. Type in what you'd like to search for, the search phrase. If you press RETURN alone without typing anything, the Find command is canceled.

When you are ready to search, press CTRL-F. SpeedScript looks for the next occurrence of the search phrase starting from the current cursor position. If you want to hunt through the entire document, press CTRL-@ twice to move the cursor to the very top before beginning the search. Each time you press CTRL-F, SpeedScript looks for the next occurrence of the search phrase and places the cursor at the start of the phrase. If the search fails, you'll see the message NOT FOUND.

CTRL-R works together with CTRL-F. After you've specified the search phrase with OpAp-CTRL-F or ESC-CTRL-F, press OpAp-CTRL-R or ESC-CTRL-R to select the replace phrase. (You can press RETURN alone at the REPLACE WITH: prompt to select a null replace phrase. When you hunt and replace, this deletes the located phrase.) To manually search and replace, start by pressing CTRL-F. After SpeedScript finds the search phrase, press CTRL-R if you want to replace the phrase. If you don't want to replace the phrase, don't press CTRL-R. You are not in a special search and replace mode. You're free to continue writing at any time.

CTRL-Y links CTRL-F and CTRL-R together (think of the two branches of the Y linking together Find and Replace). It first asks FIND:, then REPLACE:, then automatically searches and replaces throughout the document starting at the cursor position.

There are a few things to watch out for when using search and replace. First, realize that if you search for "the," SpeedScript finds the embedded "the" in words like "therefore" and "heathen." If you changed all occurrences of "the" to "cow," these words would become "cowtherefore" and "heacown." If you want to find a single word, include a space as the first character of the

word, since almost all words are preceded by a space. Naturally, if you are replacing, you need to include the space in the replace phrase, too.

Also, SpeedScript distinguishes between upper- and lowercase. The word "Meldids" does not match with "meldids." SpeedScript will not find a capitalized word unless you capitalize it in the search phrase. To cover all bases, you will sometimes need to make two passes at replacing a word. Keep these things in mind when using CTRL-Y, since you don't have a chance to stop a linked find and replace.

Storing Your Document

To store your text, press CTRL-S. You'll see the prompt SAVE:. Type in the filename and press RETURN. If you need to access a second disk drive, precede the filename with 2. This becomes the default drive for future disk access. To return to drive 1, precede the filename with 1. If the filename you specify coincides with one already on the disk, the existing file will be overwritten by the new one.

CTRL-S always saves the entire document. The cursor position within the document is not important.

When the SAVE is complete, SpeedScript reports NO ERRORS if all is well, or gives a message like DISK FULL if not. Check your DOS or BASIC manual for a list of error messages and their causes.

Press CTRL-C to display the disk catalog. The catalog pauses when the screen is full, waiting for you to press a key to continue. When the catalog is finished, press RETURN to return to editing.

Loading A Document

To recall a previously saved document, press CTRL-L. Answer the LOAD: prompt with the filename. Again, you can precede the filename with 1; or 2; to switch drives. SpeedScript loads the file and should display NO ERRORS. Otherwise, SpeedScript reports the error.

The position of the cursor is important before loading a file. Documents start loading at the cursor position, so be sure to press CTRL-@ twice or CTRL-E and A (Erase All) to move the cursor to the start of text, unless you want to merge two documents. When you press CTRL-L to

load, a flashing asterisk appears to warn you if the cursor is not at the top of the document.

To merge two or more files, simply load the first file, press CTRL-Z to move the cursor to the end of the document, and then load the file you want to merge. Do not place the cursor somewhere in the middle of your document before loading. A Load does not insert the text from disk, but overwrites all text after the cursor position. The last character loaded becomes the new end-of-text pointer, and you cannot access any text that appears ahead of this pointer.

Since *SpeedScript* stores documents as binary files, you cannot read a text file in BASIC, load a BASIC program into *SpeedScript*, or upload a text file with a modem. However, Program 2 is a file conversion program which allows these functions. It converts *SpeedScript* binary files into ASCII text files. It can also convert an ASCII text file into a *SpeedScript* binary file. This lets you convert word processing files from other word processors, or change a *SpeedScript* document into a text file suitable for uploading. You can even edit BASIC programs with *SpeedScript*. Add the following line to your BASIC program and run it. It creates a text file on disk of your BASIC listing.

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0 PRINT CHR$(4) "OPEN filename"  
1:PRINT CHR$(4) "WRITE  
filename":LIST
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Run Program 2 to convert the BASIC text file to a *SpeedScript* file. You can then load this file into *SpeedScript* for editing. Save this file back to disk, run Program 2 to convert it back to a text file, then in BASIC use EXEC filename to read the text file back into BASIC. Although this seems rather tedious, you may find it quite worthwhile when working with long programs. A similar technique can be used to edit files written by other applications.

Note: Delete any *SpeedScript* print formatting commands (described below) before converting a text file to an ASCII file. Otherwise, they will not be converted correctly.

Additional Features

SpeedScript has a few commands that don't do much, but are nice to

have. CTRL-X exchanges the character under the cursor with the character to the right of the cursor. Thus you can fix transposition errors with a single keystroke. CTRL-W (think *Witch*) changes the character under the cursor from uppercase to lowercase or vice versa.

Apple *SpeedScript* traps the RESET key. RESET or CTRL-RESET always returns you to editing mode. There is no way to exit *SpeedScript* once you've run it, short of rebooting.

PRINT!

If you already think *SpeedScript* has plenty of commands, wait until you see what the printing package offers. *SpeedScript* supports an array of powerful formatting features. It automatically fits your text between left and right margins you can specify. You can center a line or block it against the right margin. *SpeedScript* skips over the perforation on continuous-form paper, or can wait for you to insert single-sheet paper. A line of text can be printed at the top of each page (a header) and/or at the bottom of each page (a footer), and can include automatic page numbering, starting with whatever number you like.

SpeedScript can print on different lengths and widths of paper, and single-, double-, triple-, or any-spacing is easy. You can print a document as big as can fit on a disk by linking several files together during printing. You can print to the screen or to a file instead of to a printer. Other features let you send special codes to the printer to control features like underlining, boldfacing, italics, and double-width type (depending on the printer).

But with all this power comes the need to learn additional commands. Fortunately, *SpeedScript* sets most of these variables to a default state. If you don't change these settings, *SpeedScript* assumes a left margin of five, a right margin position of 75, no header or footer, single-spacing, and continuous paper page feeding. You can change these default settings if you want (see below).

Before printing, be sure the paper in your printer is adjusted to top-of-form (move the paper perforation just above the printing element). One additional note: Some printers

incorporate an automatic skip-over-perforation feature. The printer skips to the next page when it reaches the bottom of a page. Since *SpeedScript* already controls paper feeding, you need to turn off this automatic skip-over-perf feature before running *SpeedScript*, or paging won't work properly.

To begin printing, press CTRL-P. If your printer is attached, powered on, and selected (online), *SpeedScript* begins printing immediately. To cancel printing, press CTRL and the RESET key.

If you need to print to an RS-232 printer or to a printer in a slot other than slot #1, press-ESC-CTRL-P (Apple II+) or OpAp-CTRL-P (Apple IIe/Ic). This brings up the prompt PRINT TO: SCREEN, PRINTER? Press S to print to the screen. If you don't have lowercase, the screen display won't make much sense, although you can still see where pages break. If you have an Apple IIc, an Apple IIe with the 80-column card, or an Apple II+ with a compatible 80-column card, *SpeedScript* automatically prints to the screen in 80 columns, simulating the printer.

If you select P, you'll be asked for the slot number. Output is sent to the slot number you select. It's similar to PR# in BASIC. If you print to slot 6 (the disk drive), you'll cause the system to reboot, so be careful.

Formatting Commands

The print formatting commands are single letters embedded in text, such as L for left margin. To enter a formatting variable, press CTRL-V. You'll see the prompt ENTER FORMAT VARIABLE:. Now press any key. The print formatting commands must be distinguished from normal text, so they appear on-screen in flashing inverse video with the text and background colors switched. All lettered printer commands should be entered without the SHIFT key. During printing, *SpeedScript* treats these characters as printing commands.

There are two kinds of printing commands, which we'll call Stage 1 and Stage 2. Stage 1 commands usually control variables such as left margin and right margin. Most are followed by a number, with no space between the command and the number. Stage 1 commands are

executed before a line is printed.

Stage 2 commands, like centering and underlining, are executed while the line is being printed. Usually Stage 1 commands must be on a line of their own, although you can group several Stage 1 commands together on a line. Stage 2 commands are by nature embedded within a line of text. Again, remember to press CTRL-V to enter the boldface characters shown below.

Stage 1 Commands

L Left margin. Follow with a number from 0 to 255. Use 0 for no margin. Defaults to 5.

R Right margin position, a number from 1 to 255. Defaults to 75. Be sure the right margin value is greater than the left margin value, or *SpeedScript* will go bonkers.

T Top margin. The position at which the first line of text is printed, relative to the top of the page. Defaults to 5. The header (if any) is always printed on the first line of the page, before the first line of text.

B Bottom margin. The line at which printing stops before continuing to the next page. Standard 8½ X 11-inch paper has 66 lines. Bottom margin defaults to the fifty-eighth line. Don't make the bottom margin greater than the page length.

P Page length. Defaults to 66. If your printer does not print six lines per inch, multiply lines-per-inch by 11 to get the page length. European paper is usually longer than American paper—11½ or 12 inches. Try a page length of 69 or 72.

S Spacing. Defaults to single-spacing. Follow with a number from 1 to 255. Use 1 for single-spacing, 2 for double-spacing, 3 for triple-spacing.

@ Start numbering at page number given. Page numbering normally starts with 1.

? Disables printing until selected page number is reached. For example, a value of 3 would start printing the third page of your document. Normally, *SpeedScript* prints starting with the first page.

X Sets the page width, in columns (think a cross). Defaults to 80. You need to change this for the sake of the centering command if you are printing in double-width or condensed type, or are using a 40-column or wide-carriage printer.

N Forced paging. Normally, *SpeedScript* prints the footer and moves on to the next page only when it has finished a page, but you can force it to continue to the next page by issuing this command. It requires no numbers.

M Margin release. Disables the left margin for the next printed line. Remember that this executes before the line is printed. It's used for outdenting.

W Page wait. This command should be placed at the beginning of your document before any text. With page wait turned on, *SpeedScript* prompts you to INSERT NEXT SHEET, PRESS RETURN when each page is finished printing. Insert the next sheet, line it up with the printhead, then press RETURN to continue. Page wait is ignored during disk or screen output.

J Select automatic linefeeds after carriage return. Like **W**, this command must be placed before any text. Don't use this command to achieve double-spacing, but only if all text prints on the same line with some printers.

I Information. This works like REM in BASIC. You follow the command with a line of text, up to 255 characters, ending in a return-mark. This line will be ignored during printing, and is handy for making notes to yourself such as the filename of the document.

H Header define and enable. The header must be a single line of text (up to 254 characters) ending in a return-mark. The header prints on the first line of each page. You can include Stage 2 commands such as centering and page numbering in a header. You can use a header by itself without a footer. The header and footer should be defined at the top of your document, before any text. If you want to prevent the header from printing on the first page, put a return-mark by itself at the top of your document before the header definition.

F Footer define and enable. The footer must be a single line of text (up to 254 characters) ending in a return-mark. The footer prints two lines prior to the last line of each page. As with the header, you can include Stage 2 printing commands, and you don't need to set the header to use a footer.

G Go to (link) next file. Put this command as the last line in your document. Follow the command with the filename (with no spaces between the G and the filename), including the drive number prefix I: or 2:, if appropriate. After the text in memory is printed, the link command loads the next file into memory. You can continue linking successive files, but don't include a link in the last file. Before you start printing a linked file, make sure the first of the linked files is in memory. When printing is finished, the last file linked to will be in memory.

Stage 2 Commands

These commands either precede a line of text or are embedded within one.

C Centering. Put this at the beginning of a line you want to center. This centers only one line ending in a return-mark. Repeat this command at the beginning of every line you want centered. Centering uses the page-width setting (see above) to properly center the line. To center a double-width line, either set the page width to 40 or pad out the rest of the line with an equal number of spaces. If you use double width, remember that the spaces preceding the centered text will be double-width spaces.

When *SpeedScript* encounters this command, it prints the current page number. You usually embed this within a header or footer.

U A simple form of underlining. It works only on printers that recognize CHR\$(8) as a backspace and CHR\$(95) as an underline character. Underlining works on spaces, too. Use the first U to start underlining, and another one to turn off underlining.

Fonts and Styles

Most dot-matrix printers are capable of more than just printing text at ten characters per inch. Some printers have several character sets, with italics and foreign language characters. Most can print in double width (40 characters per line), condensed (132 characters per line), and in either pica or elite. Other features may include programmable characters, programmable tab stops, and graphics modes. Many word processors customize themselves to a particular printer, but for flexibility

SpeedScript was purposely designed not to be printer-specific. Instead, *SpeedScript* lets you define your own Stage 2 printing commands.

You define a programmable *printkey* by choosing any character that is not already used for other printer commands. The numbers 0-9, most symbols, and some alphabetic characters are available for printkeys. You enter these commands like printer commands with CTRL-V. The printkeys are like variables in BASIC.

To define a printkey, press CTRL-V, then type the key you want to assign as the printkey, then an equals sign (=), and finally the ASCII value to be substituted for the printkey during printing. Now whenever *SpeedScript* encounters the printkey embedded in text, it prints the character with the ASCII value you previously defined. (If you have trouble passing some printkeys to the printer, try adding 128 to the ASCII value you wish to send. Otherwise, some printer interfaces intercept the printkey.)

For example, to define the + key as the letter z, you first look up the ASCII value of the letter z (in either your printer manual or in the BASIC manual). The ASCII value of the letter z is 122, so the definition is:

+=122

Now, anywhere you want to print the letter z, substitute the printkey:

Gadooks! The zoo is zany!

This would appear on paper as:

Gadooks! The zoo is zany!

More practically, here's how you could program italics on an Epson MX-80 compatible printer. You switch on italics by sending an ESC (a character with an ASCII value of 27), then the character 4. You turn off italics by sending ESC 5. So define * as the escape code. Anywhere you want to print a word in italics, bracket it with *4 and *5.

You can similarly define whatever codes your printer uses for features like double width or emphasized mode. For your convenience, four of the printkeys are predefined, though you can change them. The keys 1-4 are defined as 27, 14, 15,

and 18, common values for most printers. On most printers, CHR\$(27) is the ESCape key, CHR\$(14) starts double-width printing, CHR\$(15) either stops double width or starts condensed characters, and CHR\$(18) usually cancels condensed characters.

Keep one thing in mind about printkeys. *SpeedScript* always assumes it is printing to a rather dumb, featureless printer, the least common denominator. *SpeedScript* doesn't understand the intent of a printkey; it just sends out its value. So if you make one word within a line double width, it may make the line overflow the specified right margin. There's no way for *SpeedScript* to include built-in font and typestyle codes without being customized for a particular printer, since no set of codes is universal to all printers.

Hints And Tips

It may take you awhile to fully master *SpeedScript*, but as you do you'll discover many ways to use the editing and formatting commands. For example, there is a simple way to simulate tab stops, say for a columnar table. Just type a period at every tab stop position. Erase the line with CTRL-E, then restore it with CTRL-carat multiple times. When you are filling in the table, just use word-left/word-right to jump quickly between the periods. Or you can use the programmable printkeys to embed your printer's own commands for setting and jumping to tab stops.

You don't have to change or define printer commands every time you write. Just save these definitions, and load this file for each session. You can create many custom definition files and have them ready to use on disk. You can create customized "fill-in-the-blank" letters. Just type the letter, and everywhere you'll need to insert something, substitute a unique character, such as an * or a CTRL character. When you're ready to customize the letter, use Find to locate each symbol and insert the specific information. Instead of typing an oft-used word or phrase, substitute a unique character, then use CTRL-Y to automatically change these characters into the actual word or phrase. You can even use *SpeedScript* as a simple filing program.

Just type in all your data, flagging each field with a unique character. You can use Find to quickly locate any field.

If you experience any problems with *SpeedScript* that you are sure are not due to your error, please write (don't call) with a detailed explanation of the problem and how it occurred. Describe your hardware configuration. It also helps to send us a disk copy of your typing so we can determine with our equipment whether you have a hardware problem.

Due to the volume of mail, we cannot always reply to individual questions, but we welcome your suggestions. Who knows—your feedback may help make *SpeedScript* 4.0 a reality.

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Program 1: SpeedScript 3.0 For Apple

Please refer to the "Apple II-X" article before entering this listing.

START ADDRESS: 0000
END ADDRESS: 1E45

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0000: 20 50 FC A9 26 A0 1E 05 E5
0001: ED 04 EE A8 00 20 DE 09 5F
0002: 20 07 09 C9 D9 F0 0C C9 CD
0003: CE D8 F5 A9 00 00 00 03 56
0004: 4C 20 A9 A0 00 00 00 03 39
0005: 20 29 0A 20 09 09 4C 18 07
0006: 00 0A 05 06 8D 51 00 A5 00 C6
0007: 00 5D 00 52 00 A5 19 8D 54 00 A6
0008: A5 18 0D 55 00 A6 F9 F0 00
0009: 20 A9 00 8D 53 1E A0 00 FF
000A: 09 FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF
000B: 83 1E D4 E6 52 00 00 E6 C2
000C: 55 00 00 00 00 F0 07 CA D0 43
000D: E0 A5 10 D0 DE 60 A5 F0 C0
000E: A5 00 10 D0 01 60 1A 0A 0C
000F: 65 00 00 99 00 A5 06 D0 F0
0010: 00 00 18 8A 65 18 D0 9C D9
0011: 00 A5 19 D0 90 00 E0 A4 75
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0000: 1D 00 04 F0 8D A0 FF B7 97 0030: CC 0A A0 A0 51 1E F0 07 4B
0001: FF FF 97 FF FF 8B C0 7F 7F 0031: BA 48 20 90 0A 6B AA BA BA
0002: 00 F3 CE 47 00 00 8D 60 53 0032: C9 FF D0 60 20 5A 8F AC BA
0003: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0033: 1B 0B BA C9 00 00 02 A2 71
0004: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0034: 3C BA 29 7F C9 20 08 48 7C
0005: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0035: 0A 20 89 0A 48 A0 00 B1 0A
0006: 00 4F 1E 0D DC 00 8D 20 0036: FB C9 3C F0 05 A0 52 1E 1F
0007: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0037: F0 03 20 BE 10 6B A0 00 00
0008: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0038: 91 FB 28 AC 00 3B A5 F0 B5
0009: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0039: 00 55 1E 85 ED A5 FC ED CC
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Modifications or Corrections
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Apple Games In ProDOS

Most of the Apple game programs recently published in **COMPUTE!** fail to operate properly with Apple's new ProDOS operating system, although they all work with DOS 3.3. The programs suffer from the same bug: Their graphics were developed using the DOS 3.3 version of the "Apple SuperFont" utility (published in the April 1985 issue). To use the following programs with ProDOS, these changes are required:

For "Mindbustlers" (April 1985, p. 54):

```
120 POKE 6,0:POKE 7,141:P  
RINT CHR$(4); "PR# A$3  
00"  
450 PRINT CHR$(4); "PR#0"
```

For "Space Caverns" (March 1985, p. 54):

```
910 HOME:HGR:POKE 6,0:POK  
E 7,141:PRINT CHR$(4)  
:"PR# A$300"
```

For "Bowling Champ" (February 1985, p. 126):

```
130 HOME:POKE 230,32:CALL  
62450:HGR:POKE 6,0:POK  
E 7,141:PRINT CHR$(4); "P  
R# A$300"  
630 X = 0:FOR I = 768 TO 853  
:READ A:X = X + A:POKE  
I,A:NEXT I:IF X < 7950  
THEN PRINT "ERROR IN DAT  
A STATEMENTS FOR ML AT 76  
8.":STOP  
840 DATA 216,133,69,134,70,1  
32,71,166,7
```

For "Paratrooper" (January 1985, p. 72):

```
200 FOR I = 768 TO I + 85:RE  
AD A:X = X + A:POKE I,A:  
NEXT I:IF X < 23417 TH  
EN PRINT "ERROR IN DATA S  
TATEMENTS.":STOP  
220 PRINT CHR$(4); "PR# A$300"  
"  
1130 DATA 216,133,69,134,70,  
132,71,166,7
```

For "Things in the Dark" (December 1984, p. 79):

```
770 HOME:HGR:POKE 6,0:PO  
KE 7,141:PRINT CHR$(4); "  
PR# A$300"  
990 X = 0:FOR I = 768 TO 853  
:READ A:X = X + A:POKE
```

```
I,A:NEXT I:IF X < 7950  
THEN PRINT "ERROR IN 1ST  
SET OF DATA STATEMENTS."  
:STOP  
1000 DATA 216,133,69,134,70,  
132,71,166,7
```

For "Spiders" (November 1984, p. 96):

160 CALL 36884

In addition, ProDOS filename conventions require that you BSAVE the machine language portion of Spiders (Program 6) with the title SPIDER.2 instead of SPIDER 2 as indicated on p. 90. You'll also have to change SPIDER 2 to SPIDER.2 in line 130 of Program 5.

Atari Disk Rx

The author of this utility program from the March issue (p. 107) has provided the following corrections: Renumber line 4015 to become line 4006, replace the old line 4015 with 4015 REM, change the GOTO HALT in line 5075 with GOSUB HALT, and change the REC=1 in line 6040 to REC=0.

It is also possible for the program to crash with the message ERROR 5 IN LINE 325 while you are attempting to recover large files. The error occurs because the program does not check for buffer overflow. To prevent this, reader Jim Owens suggests adding and changing the following lines:

```
323 IF FILL=1 AND (BCNT+T  
YPE)>RAM THEN ?:"BU  
FFER FULL. LAST BUFE  
R SECT=";SECT-1:POP:B  
OTO 330  
326 NEXT SECT  
330 IF DIR=1 THEN RETURN
```

Apple SuperFont

There are two typos in the checksum program (Program 6, p. 137) for this common character utility for the Apple II series in the April issue. Lines 140 and 150 should read as follows:

```
140 FOR J = 0 TO 63:S = S  
+ PEEK (4096 + I * 6  
4 + J):NEXT  
150 READ A:S = S + 256 *  
INT (S / 256)
```

Plus/Term For VIC & 64

In addition to the items in last month's "CAPUTE!" column, there is another correction to the machine language portion for the VIC-20. Whenever you load a file into the buffer, the lower boundary of the

buffer is reset incorrectly so that 256 bytes of garbage are added to the start of the text. To remedy this, reset the VIC by turning it off and back on. Load the machine language data by typing LOAD "PLUS/TERM.ML",8,1 (for tape, replace the ,8,1 with ,1,1). Then enter the following line in direct mode (without a line number):

POKE 43,0:POKE 44,24:POKE 7075,64

Immediately save the revised version by typing SAVE "PLUS/TERM.ML",8 (or ,1 for tape). Now change line 100 of the BASIC portion to reflect the new name for the machine language portion.

If your printer is not properly handling upper- and lowercase characters, try changing line 1900 to 1900 OPEN 5,ZE,7.

The article states that changing the baud rate after other parameters have been set causes all other parameters to revert to their default values. Actually, even though the various submenus will show all parameters reverted to their default states, the actual parameter values will not have changed. Thus, the menus will not reflect the actual settings of the parameters. For this reason, you should always change the baud rate before changing any other parameter. ☐

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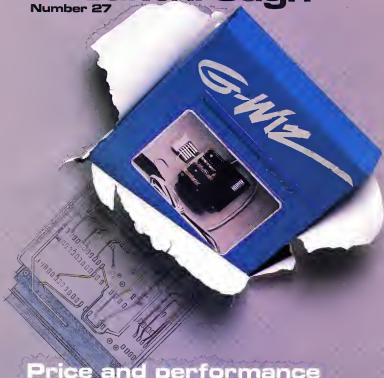
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